

COVID-19 TELEHEALTH MEDICARE ITEM NUMBERS

In response to the COVID-19 virus, **32 telehealth item numbers** have been introduced to enable video consultation attendance for patients and health professionals at risk of the virus. The provision of telehealth services under these new item numbers is available for General Practitioners, Medical Practitioners, Nurse Practitioners and Allied Health Providers including psychologist, Occupational Therapists and Social Workers until **September 2020**.

General Practitioner				Medical Practitioner*		
Service Type	Item number	Consult time	Fee	Item number	Consult time	Fee
Telehealth attendance	91800	<20 min	\$44.90	91803	5-25 min	\$24.70
				91804	25-45 min	\$44.70
	91801	>20 min	\$87.00	91805	>45 min	\$71.75
	91802	>40 min	\$128.50	91806*	5-25 min	\$35.50
				91807*	25-45 min	\$69.55
				91808*	>45 min	\$102.55
Phone Service attendance	91809	<20min	\$44.90	91812	5-25 min	\$24.70
	91810	>20min	\$87.00	91813	25-45 min	\$44.70
	91811	>40min	\$128.50	91814	>45 min	\$71.75
				91815**	5-25 min	\$35.90
				91816**	25-45 min	\$69.55
				91817**	>45 min	\$102.45
Telehealth for Provision of FPS***	91818	30-40 min	\$110.85	91820	30-40 min	\$88.70
	91819	>40 min	\$158.60	91821	>40 min	\$126.90

*Definition of Medical Practitioner

**Practitioner must be in [eligible area](#) to provide and claim against these item numbers.

***Practitioners must have completed accredited Mental Health Skills Training (Level 2) and be registered with Medicare as a [Provider of Focussed Psychological Strategies](#) to deliver and claim against these item numbers.

Requirements per attendance type*
Telehealth service: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient and/or health provider is at risk of COVID-19 virus • Taking relevant patient history • Arranging necessary investigation in relation to COVID-19 virus • Conducting or supervising appropriate clinical examinations • Implementing a management plan • Providing appropriate preventative health care
Phone service: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient and/or health provider is at risk of COVID-19 virus • Taking a <u>short</u> patient history • Limited examination and management performed
Focussed Psychological Strategies (FPS) via telehealth service: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient is at risk of COVID-19 virus • Provision of FPS to patient for assessed mental disorders • Practitioner is registered with Medicare as a credentialed Provider of Focussed Psychological Strategies* • <i>*Requires completion of Mental Health Skills Training Level 2 (FPS) as accredited by GPMHSC training standards</i>

**requirements where service/s are bulk-billed*

'At risk' eligibility explained
<p>Health professional /Patient at risk of COVID-19 virus is a person who has been diagnosed with the virus but is not a patient of a hospital OR has been required to isolate themselves in quarantine in accordance with home isolate guidance issued by Australian Health Protection Principal Committee.</p> <p>Patient who are considered to be more susceptible to the COVID-19 virus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 70 years old • At least 50 years old or over and is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent • Pregnant • Parent of a child under 12 months old • Person under treatment for chronic health conditions or who are immune compromised

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