

COVID-19 TELEHEALTH MEDICARE ITEM NUMBERS

In response to the COVID-19 virus, **32 telehealth item numbers** have been introduced to enable bulk-billed telehealth 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**.

Psychological Therapy Telehealth Services

Service Provider	Item number	Consultation time	Fee
Clinical Psychologist	91166	30-50 min	\$101.35
	91167	>50 min	\$148.80

Focussed Psychological Strategies Telehealth Services

<i>Service Provider</i>	<i>Item number</i>	<i>Consult time</i>	<i>Fee</i>	<i>Service Provider</i>	<i>Item number</i>	<i>Consult time</i>	<i>Fee</i>
Psychologist	91169	20-50 min	\$71.80	Social Worker	91175	20-50 min	\$63.25
	91170	>50 min	\$101.35		91176	>50 min	\$89.35
Occupational Therapist	91172	20-50 min	\$63.25	Nurse Practitioner	91178	<20 min	\$21.30
	91173	>50 min	\$89.35		91179	>20 min	\$40.40
					91180	>40 min	\$59.50

Requirements for provision of telehealth services by eligible Psychologist, Clinical Psychologist, Occupational Therapist and Social Worker:

- Patient and/or health provider is at risk of COVID-19 virus
- Patient referred by:
 - i. Medical Practitioner under GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, shared care plan OR psychiatrist assessment and management plan
 - ii. Specialist or consultant physician specialising in psychiatry OR paediatrics
- Service is provided to person individually
- The referring health provider reviews the need for further treatment after completion of course of treatment
- The eligible service provider provides the referring health provider a written report after the completion of course of treatment (including treatment provided, recommendations on further management)

Requirements for provision of telehealth services by Nurse Practitioner:

- Patient and/or health provider is at risk of COVID-19 virus
- Taking a history
- Undertaking clinical examination
- Arranging necessary investigation
- Implementing management plan
- Providing appropriate preventative health

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

‘At risk’ eligibility explained

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.

Patient who are considered to be more susceptible to the COVID-19 virus:

- 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

For further information, visit [MBSOnline](https://www.mbsonline.gov.au).