

Practice nurse items Quick Reference Guide

MBS items 10983, 10984, 10987, 10997 and 16400

This guide explains the key requirements for claiming services provided by a practice nurse on behalf of a GP. The term 'GP' is used in this guide as a generic reference to medical practitioners able to claim these items.

Note: *These items do not apply for admitted patients of a hospital and must be provided under GP supervision.*

This document is intended as a guide only. It is recommended that you read this document in conjunction with the relevant MBS item descriptors and explanatory notes on the [MBS Online](#) website.

Item	Service	Snapshot of key Human Services requirements
10987	Follow up service for an Indigenous patient who has received a health check (assessment)	<p>Services provided by a practice nurse under Item 10987, is consistent with the needs identified in the patient's health check and is provided between further consultations with the patient's GP.</p> <p>This can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examinations/interventions as indicated by the health check; • Education regarding medication compliance and associated monitoring; • Checks on clinical progress and service access; • Education, monitoring and counselling activities and lifestyle advice; • Taking a medical history; and • Prevention advice for chronic conditions, and associated follow up. <p>Services are only available to Indigenous patients who have received a health check (including MBS Item 715) or children who have received a health check as part of the Northern Territory Emergency Response and is claimable for up to ten services per patient in a calendar year.</p>
10997	Monitoring and support for a person with chronic disease	<p>Under Item 10997 a practice nurse provides monitoring and support service to a person with a chronic disease care plan, consistent with the scope of the care plan, provided between the more structured reviews of the care plan by the patient's usual GP.</p> <p>This can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checks on clinical progress; • Monitoring medication compliance; • Self-management advice; and • Collection of information to support GP reviews of Care Plans. <p>Services are available to patients with a GP Management Plan, Team Care Arrangements or Multidisciplinary Care Plan in place (MBS items 721, 723, 729, 731, 732) and claimable for up to five services per patient in a calendar year.</p>

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16400	Antenatal service	<p>Antenatal service is provided by a nurse at, or from, an eligible practice location in a regional, rural or remote area.</p> <p>Item 16400 cannot be claimed together with another antenatal attendance item for the same patient, on the same day by the same practitioner.</p> <p>Claimable for up to ten services per patient per pregnancy.</p>
10983	Telehealth patient-end clinical support	<p>Under Item 10983 a practice nurse provides clinical support to a patient undertaking an eligible MBS video (Telehealth) consultation with a specialist, consultant physician or psychiatrist.</p> <p>The patient, at the time of the consultation, must be outside an inner metropolitan area, with the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Patients receiving a service from an Aboriginal Medical Service, or b) Patients receiving a service from an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service to which a direction made under subsection 19(2) of the <i>Health Insurance Act 1973</i> applies. <p>The decision to provide clinical support to the patient must be made in consultation with the specialist, consultant physician or psychiatrist.</p>
10984	Telehealth patient-end clinical support at residential aged care facility	<p>Under Item 10984 a practice nurse provides clinical support to a patient undertaking an eligible MBS video (Telehealth) consultation with a specialist, consultant physician or psychiatrist.</p> <p>The patient, at the time of the consultation, must be either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a care recipient receiving care in a residential aged care service (other than a self-contained unit), or b) at consulting rooms situated within such a complex if they are a care recipient receiving care in a residential aged care service (excluding accommodation in a self-contained unit). <p>The decision to provide clinical support to the patient must be made in consultation with the specialist, consultant physician or psychiatrist.</p>

Can I bill a GP attendance item and practice nurse item?

It is up to the GP to decide whether they need to see the patient. Where the GP has a separate consultation with the patient, then the GP is entitled to claim a Medicare item for the time and complexity of their personal attendance on the patient. The time the patient spends receiving a service (as listed in this guide) from the practice nurse is not to be included when determining the duration for the GP attendance item.

If, during a telehealth consultation, the practice nurse requests the attendance of the GP or vice versa, only 1 item is billable – either the GP attendance or practice nurse attendance item. If a telehealth patient - end GP attendance item is claimed, the duration of a GP attendance item does not include the time a patient spends receiving a service from a practice nurse.