

Drug and Alcohol MBS Items

In November 2016, 15 items were introduced for addiction medicine supporting addiction medicine specialists to provide care see www.mbsonline.gov.au items 6018-6042. No specific addiction medicine MBS items are available for general practice at this time. In order to ensure that patients receive the necessary care, GPs may consider optimising the following items to better support their patients with alcohol and other drugs of addiction.

This resource has been developed in conjunction with South Western Sydney Primary Health Network (SWSPHN).



General Consultation Items			
Item	Name	\$	Description/Recommended Frequency
3	Consultation (Level A)	\$17.75	Brief
23	Consultation (Level B)	\$38.75	Standard <20 mins
36	Consultation (Level C)	\$75.05	Long ≥ 20 mins
44	Consultation (Level D)	\$110.50	Prolonged ≥ 40 mins
Benefit= 100% on above consultation items			
Chronic Disease Care plans			
721	GP Management Plan (GPMP)	\$148.75 (Benefit 75% = \$111.60)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For use when co-morbid chronic disease present Co-claiming of GP consultation items (ie 3,4,23,24 etc) with CDM items 721, 723 or 732 is not permitted for the same patient on the same day 721/723 minimum claim period – 12 months 729-732 minimum claim period – 3months
723	Team Care Arrangement (TCA)	\$117.90 (Benefit 75% = \$88.45)	
732	Review of GPMP/TCA	\$74.30 (Benefit 75% = \$55.75)	
10997	Service to patient with GPMP/TCA by a PN/AHW/AHP	\$12.40 (Benefit 100%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not more than 5, per patient, per year
GP Mental Health Treatment Items			
2700	Consultation for the completion of GP MH treatment plan 20mins but < 40 mins	\$73.95 (Benefit 75% = \$55.50)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GPMP/TCA can only be utilised in conjunction with MHTPs where there is an eligible comorbid condition May claim separate consultation on the same day only if other condition must be treated immediately
2701	Consultation to complete GP MH treatment plan of at least 40 mins	\$108.85 (Benefit 75% = \$81.65)	
2712	Review GP MH treatment plan	\$73.95 (Benefit 75% = \$55.50)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should occur 4 wks to 6mths after completion of GPMHTP Minimum 3 months between reviews. Should not require more than two reviews in 12 months Following up with 'consultations'
2713	GP Mental Health Treatment consultation ≥ 20 min	\$73.95 (Benefit 100%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For extended consultation, taking history, providing treatment/advice/referral Unlimited claims per year
2715	GP MHTP consultation by GP with MH skills training 20mins but < 40 mins	\$93.90 (Benefit 75% = \$70.45)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2715 and 2717 can be claimed by GPs who have completed MH training Mental Health Skills Training (MHST)
2717	GP MHTP consultation by GP with MH skills training at least 40 mins	\$138.30 (Benefit 75%=\$103.75)	
2721	GP providing focused psychological strategies 30mins and < 40mins	\$95.65 (Benefit 100%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical practitioner must be registered with Medicare as meeting credentialing requirements (FPS training)

Case Conference GP organises and coordinates			
Items	Duration	\$	
735	15-20 minutes	\$72.90	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum of 5 conferences per patient in 12-month period Requires three or more providers present who provide a service to the patient* May only claim one item per case conference Can be conducted face to face, tele/videoconference or a combination GP role: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain consent from resident and all participants Document meeting and outcomes Provide copies of outcomes to all participants Read MBS requirements
739	20-40 minutes	\$124.75	
743	>40 minutes	\$207.95	

Benefit= 75% on above case conference items

Case Conference GP participates			
747	15-20 minutes	\$53.55	
750	20-40 minutes	\$91.75	
758	>40 minutes	\$152.80	

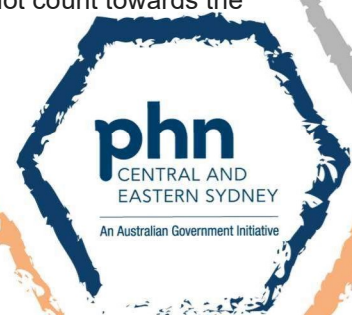
Benefit = 75% on above case conference items

Home/ Institution Visits – VR GP			
4	Brief	\$44.90	Fee for item 3, plus \$27.15 divided by the number of patients seen, up to a maximum of six patients. For seven or more patients - the fee for item 3 plus \$2.15 per patient. See below
24	Standard <20 mins	\$65.90	The fee for item 23, plus \$27.15 divided by the number of patients seen, See below.
37	Long ≥ 20 minutes	\$102.20	The fee for item 36, plus \$27.15 divided by the number of patients seen, See below.
47	Prolonged ≥ 40 minutes	\$137.65	The fee for item 44, plus \$27.15 divided by the number of patients seen

Patients	4 Level A		24 Level B		37 Level C		47 Level D	
	Schedule Fee	Benefit	Schedule Fee	Benefit	Schedule Fee	Benefit	Schedule Fee	Benefit
One	44.90	33.70	65.90	49.45	102.20	76.65	137.65	103.25
Two	31.30	23.50	52.30	39.25	88.60	66.45	124.05	93.05
Three	26.80	20.10	47.80	35.85	84.10	63.10	119.55	89.70
Four	24.55	18.45	45.55	34.20	81.85	61.40	117.30	88.00
Five	23.20	17.40	44.20	33.15	80.50	60.40	115.95	87.00
Six	22.25	16.70	43.25	32.45	79.55	59.70	115.00	86.25
Seven+	19.90	14.95	40.90	30.70	77.20	57.90	112.65	84.50

*Examples of persons who, for the purposes of care planning and case conferencing may be included in a multidisciplinary care team are allied health professionals such as, but not limited to: Aboriginal health care workers; asthma educators; audiologists; dental therapists; dentists; diabetes educators; dietitians; mental health workers; occupational therapists; optometrists; orthoptists; orthotists or prosthetists; pharmacists; physiotherapists; podiatrists; psychologists; registered nurses; social workers; speech pathologists.

A team may also include home and community service providers, or care organisers, such as: education providers; "meals on wheels" providers; personal care workers (workers who are paid to provide care services); probation officers. The patient's informal or family carer may be included as a formal member of the team in addition to the minimum of three health or care providers. The patient and the informal or family carer do not count towards the minimum of three.





GP Liaison in Alcohol and Other Drugs (GLAD)

The aim of the project is to assist public Drug & Alcohol Services to work collaboratively with you and your General Practice.

A GLAD Drug and Alcohol Nurse can provide support to you and your patients through:

- Phone advice
- Practice visits
- Assessments and treatment plans
- Collaborative/shared care

For Referral Pathways – access [South Eastern Sydney Health Pathways](#) or [Sydney Health Pathways](#) (*this site is for GP's and other health professionals only*)

For 24/7 telephone advice for NSW health practitioners about diagnosis and management of patients with drug and alcohol related problems:

Call DASAS (Drug and Alcohol Specialist Advisory Service)
Sydney Metropolitan (02) 9361 8006 or 1800 023 687

To arrange a referral to a Drug and Alcohol Service (partnered in the GLAD project), please contact:

Sydney LHD	South Eastern Sydney LHD	St Vincent's Health Network
Zara Bernadi (Clinical Nurse Consultant) Mon – Thu 8.00am – 4.30pm Phone: 02 9378 1300 Mobile: 0436 691 533 Email: SLHD-GLAD@health.nsw.gov.au	Referral Letters to be faxed to: 02 9332 8700 Or speak to an Intake Worker Phone: 1300 001 258	Call St Vincent's Intake Line Phone: 02 9361 8080 Referrals may be sent: Email svhs.adsintake@svha.org.au Fax: 02 8382 3111