

Better Access to Mental Health Care – Care plans

Summary of MBS Item Numbers

Service type →	GP Mental Health Care Plans			Consultant Psychiatrist Assessment and Management Mental Health Care Plans	
Patient eligibility →	Patient has a mental disorder ¹ and would benefit from a structured approach to the management of their care needs	Patient has a mental disorder ¹ and would benefit from a structured approach to the management of their care needs, and is being managed through a #2710	Patient has a mental disorder ¹	Patient has a mental illness and has been referred from a GP for an assessment and management plan	Patient is on a #291 has been referred from a GP for a review of the assessment and management plan previously provided by the same psychiatrist
Relevant MBS Item Number →	GP Mental Health Care Plan #2710	GP Mental Health Care Plan Review #2712	GP Mental Health Care Consultation ² #2713	Referred Patient Assessment and Management Plan #291	Review of Referred Patient Assessment and Management Plan #293

¹ Mental disorder is a term used to describe a range of clinically diagnosable disorders that significantly interfere with an individual's cognitive, emotional or social abilities (refer to the World Health Organisation, 1996, Diagnostic and Management Guidelines for Mental Disorders in Primary Care: ICD-10 Chapter V Primary Care Version). Dementia, delirium, tobacco use disorder and mental retardation are not regarded as mental disorders for the purposes of these item numbers.

² This item may be used for ongoing management of a patient with a mental disorder. This item should not be used for the development of a GP Mental Health Care Plan.

All information is current as at September 2008. Health professionals intending to use these items should refer to the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) book for more comprehensive information, including the MBS requirements for each item. Alternatively, they can search for specific items at www9.health.gov.au/mbs or telephone Medicare Australia on 03 9605 7964 or contact the local Division of General Practice.