

GP participation in case conferencing organised and coordinated by another provider

Summary of explanatory notes and web links

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	Participation in a Case Conference #759, #762, #765	Participation in a Case Conference on a patient with cancer #872	Participate in a Case Conference in a residential aged care facility (RACF) #775, #778, #779	Participate in a Discharge Case Conference #768, #771, #773
Steps that must be taken to claim the Medicare item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responding to a request to participate, and agreeing on timing Obtaining and recording patient consent for GP involvement Recording all notes and decisions Discussing the patient's history and identifying their needs Identifying outcomes to be achieved by members of the case conference team, and tasks that need to be undertaken by each member of the team Assessing whether previously identified outcomes (if any) have been achieved Placing all notes in the patient's medical record and offering copies to the patient and/or their carer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring that at least one of the practitioners has explained the nature of the meeting, gained patient consent for it to occur and for information that the practitioners intend to share, and explained any associated fees Contributing to the development of a multidisciplinary treatment plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responding to a request to participate, and agreeing on timing Obtaining and recording patient consent for GP involvement Recording all notes and decisions Discussing the patient's history and identifying their needs Identifying outcomes to be achieved by members of the case conference team, and tasks that need to be undertaken by each member of the team Assessing whether previously identified outcomes (if any) have been achieved Placing all notes in the patient's medical record and offering copies to the patient and/or their carer, to the patient's regular GP if not a member of the team, and to the facility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responding to a request to participate, and agreeing on timing Obtaining and recording patient consent for GP involvement Recording all notes and decisions Discussing the patient's history and identifying their needs Identifying outcomes to be achieved by members of the case conference team, and tasks that need to be undertaken by each member of the team Assessing whether previously identified outcomes (if any) have been achieved Placing all notes in the patient's medical record and offering copies to the patient and/or their carer
Medicare rules relating to frequency of service	Not more than 5 case conferences in a 12-month period	Not more than 2 cancer case conferences in a 12-month period per patient	Not more than 5 case conferences in a 12-month period	Not more than 5 case conferences in a 12-month period
Role of the GP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being a member of the case conference team (this cannot be delegated) Discussing outcomes with patient Medical components that cannot be delegated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring the patient understands what is to occur and has provided consent Contributing to the development of the treatment plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being a member of the case conference team (this cannot be delegated) Discussing outcomes with the patient Medical components that cannot be delegated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being a member of the case conference team (this cannot be delegated) Discussing outcomes with patient Medical components that cannot be delegated
Roles that can be performed by practice nurses (PNs) or Aboriginal health workers (AHWs) on behalf of and under the supervision of a GP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gathering and documenting relevant information for the GP Making arrangements for services Managing appointments system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gathering and documenting relevant information for the GP Contacting other providers Making arrangements for services Managing appointments system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gathering and documenting relevant information for the GP Making arrangements for services Managing appointments system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gathering and documenting relevant information for the GP Making arrangements for services Managing appointments system
Main information web link	GP Items: www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/pcd-programs-epc-chronicdisease			

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.