

Health assessments

Summary of explanatory notes and web links

| | Older Age Health Assessments #700, #702 | Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ASTI) Health Checks #704, #706, #708, #710 | Refugee and Other Humanitarian Entrants Health Check #714, #716 | Health Assessment for People with an Intellectual Disability #718, #719 | Healthy kids check #709, #711 | Comprehensive Medical Assessment (CMA) #712 |
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| Steps that must be taken to claim the Medicare item | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical component, including blood pressure, medications, immunisation Physical component, including activities of daily living, mobility Psychological component, including cognition and mood Social component, including adequacy of social support, carers and formal help arrangements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking the patient's medical history Physical examination Undertaking or arranging any required investigations Assessing the patient, using the information gained from medical history, physical examination and investigations Making or arranging necessary interventions and referrals Documenting strategy for good health of patient | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking the patient's medical history Physical examination; Undertaking or arranging any required investigations Assessing the patient, using the information gained from medical history, physical examination and investigations Making or arranging any necessary interventions and referrals Developing a plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical component, including blood pressure, medications, immunisation Physical component, including activities of daily living, exercise opportunities, reviewing growth and development, sexual activity, nutritional status Preventive component including cancer screening, osteoporosis risk factors, dysphagia, thyroid and gastro-oesophageal diseases Psychological component, including cognition and mood Social component, including social support, carers and help arrangements Dental component | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaining consent of parent/guardian Taking the patient's history and undertaking examinations and investigations as required Basic physical examinations and assessments Initiating interventions and referrals as indicated Providing health advice and information to the parent/guardian, including "Get Set 4 Life" booklet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking a detailed relevant medical history and conducting comprehensive medical examination Developing a list of diagnoses or problems based on history and examination Providing a written summary of the outcomes for the resident's records to inform the provision of care for the resident by the residential aged care facility (RACF) and reviewing pharmacist |
| Medicare rules relating to frequency of service | Once per patient for any 12-month period | #704/706 every 12 months, #708 every 9 months, #710 every 18 months | Benefits are available on one occasion only | Once per patient for any 12-month period | Benefits are available on one occasion only | Once per patient for any 12-month period |
| Role of the GP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determining patient eligibility, gaining consent and initiating service, if appropriate Central coordinating role, including at least one consultation Medical components that cannot be delegated | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determining patient eligibility and initiating the service, if appropriate Central coordinating role, including at least one patient consultation Medical components that cannot be delegated | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determining patient eligibility and initiating the service, if appropriate Central coordinating role, including at least one patient consultation Medical components that cannot be delegated | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determining patient eligibility and initiating the service, if appropriate Central coordinating role, including at least one patient consultation Medical components that cannot be delegated | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All services under #709, may contribute to #711 Medical components that cannot be delegated | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice to provide all services The patient's usual GP may delegate the provision of a CMA to a medical locum, who would provide a written summary of CMA |
| Roles that can be performed by practice nurses (PNs) or Aboriginal health workers (AHWs) on behalf of and under the supervision of the GP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explaining the item and any fees Information collection, including taking or reviewing medical history Investigations for which the PN/AHW is qualified | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explaining components of the item and any fees to the patient, and obtaining consent Information collection, including medical history Investigations and interventions for which PN/AHW is qualified | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explaining components of the item and any fees, obtaining consent Information collection, including taking or reviewing medical history Investigations and interventions for which PN/AHW is qualified | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explaining components of the item and any fees to the patient, and obtaining patient consent Information collection, including taking or reviewing medical history Investigations and interventions for which the PN/AHW is qualified | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All services under #711 Information collection Investigations and interventions for which the PN/AHW is qualified | Practice nurses can assist the GP in obtaining information relevant to the CMA for the GP's consideration, in taking the resident's history and in the examination, but cannot replace the GP's involvement in any components of the CMA |
| Web link | www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mha_700-719.htm | | | | | |

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