

## Prevention Summary of MBS item numbers

Service type →	Prevention of the onset of chronic disease, when risk factor/s are present		Preventive service performed by a practice nurse on behalf of a GP and claimed by the GP					
Patient eligibility →	For any patient aged 40-49 years of age (inclusive) with a high risk of developing Type 2 diabetes mellitus as determined by the Australian Type 2 Diabetes Risk Assessment Tool <sup>1</sup>	For any patient aged 45-49 years of age (inclusive) who is at risk of developing a chronic disease <sup>2</sup>	For any patient requiring an immunization service		For female patients with a cervix due for a Pap test		For female patients with a cervix aged 20-69 years of age who have not had a Pap test in four years <sup>3</sup>	
Relevant MBS Item Number →	Type 2 Diabetes Risk Evaluation #713	45+ Health Check #717	Immunisation performed by an Aboriginal Health Worker #10988	Immunisation performed by a practice nurse #10993	Taking of a Cervical Smear only #10998	Taking of a Cervical Smear and provision of a preventive health check <sup>4</sup> #10994	Taking of a Cervical Smear only from an unscreened or under screened <sup>4</sup> patient #10999	Taking of a Cervical Smear for an unscreened or under screened <sup>5</sup> patient and provision of a preventive health check #10995

<sup>1</sup> Not available for patients in respect of whom, in the preceding 3 years, a payment has been made under this item or #717.

<sup>2</sup> The decision about whether an individual is at risk of developing a chronic disease rests with the clinical judgement of the GP, but a specific risk factor must be identified. Examples of risk factor types are listed at [www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/PACD\\_45year\\_healthcheck.htm2](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/PACD_45year_healthcheck.htm2)

<sup>3</sup> Claiming these items will also trigger an incentive payment, if the practice is participating in the Practice Incentives Program (PIP). See 'Service Incentive Payments' section.

<sup>4</sup> The preventive health check is most likely to be associated with a woman's sexual and reproductive health. Specific types of checks are listed within the business rules for the item number.

<sup>5</sup> For the purposes of this Medicare item number, an 'unscreened or under screened' patient is defined as a woman aged 20-69, with a cervix, who has not had a pap test in the last four years.

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](http://www9.health.gov.au/mbs) or telephone Medicare Australia on 03 9605 7964 or contact the local Division of General Practice.