

## Summary of practice nurse MBS item numbers

Medicare rebates are now available where practice nurses provide specific types of services on behalf of a general practitioner without the client necessarily having to see the general practitioner. As at 1 July 2008, rebates are available for

- Immunisation services (#10993)
- Wound management services (#10996)
- Pap smear services and preventive health checks (#10994, #10995)
- Provision of monitoring and support for a person with a chronic disease on a GP Management Plan, Team Care Arrangements, or MBS Multidisciplinary Care Plan (#10997)
- Antenatal services (#16400)
- Healthy kids check (#711)

It is important to note that practice nurses can also contribute substantially to care remunerated through other MBS item numbers (such as care planning services), however other items do require the client to see the general practitioner as part of that service.

All vocationally and non-vocationally registered GPs are eligible to claim the practice nurse MBS item numbers listed above. This includes GPs working in Aboriginal Medical Services that have Medicare claiming arrangements, and GPs working privately in community health centres.

A summary of the MBS Items from Schedule 8 of the Medicare Benefits Schedule is provided below. As with all MBS items, health professionals intending to use these 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.

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**Item 10993**

Immunisation provided to a person by a practice nurse if:

- (a) the immunisation is provided on behalf of, and under the supervision of, a medical practitioner: and
  - (b) the person is not an admitted patient of a hospital or approved day hospital facility
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**Item 10994**

Services provided by a practice nurse, being the taking of a cervical smear **and** preventive checks, if:

- (a) the service is provided on behalf of, and under the supervision of, a medical practitioner; and
- (b) the person is not an admitted patient of a hospital or approved day hospital facility.

This item cannot be claimed with items 2497-2509, 2598-2616, 10995, 10998 or 10999.

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**Item 10995**

Service provided by a practice nurse, being the taking of a cervical smear from a woman between the ages of 20 and 69 inclusive, who has not had a cervical smear in the last 4 years, **and** preventive checks if:

- (a) the service is provided on behalf of, and under the supervision of, a medical practitioner; and
- (b) the person is not an admitted patient of a hospital or approved day hospital facility.

This item cannot be claimed with items 2497-2509, 2598-2616, 10994, 10998 or 10999.

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**Item 10996**

Treatment of a person's wound (other than normal aftercare) provided by a practice nurse if:

- (a) the treatment is provided on behalf of, and under the supervision of, a medical practitioner: and
  - (b) the person is not an admitted patient of a hospital or day-hospital facility
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**Item 10997**

Service provided to a person with a chronic disease by a practice nurse or registered Aboriginal Health Worker if:

- (a) the service is provided on behalf of and under the supervision of a medical practitioner; and
  - (b) the person is not an admitted patient of a hospital; and
  - (c) the person has a GP Management Plan, Team Care Arrangements or Multidisciplinary Care Plan in place; and
  - (d) the service is consistent with the GP Management Plan, Team Care Arrangements or Multidisciplinary Care Plan to a maximum of 5 services per patient in a calendar year
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**Item 10998**

Service provided by a practice nurse, being the taking of a cervical smear from a person, if:

- (a) the service is provided on behalf of, and under the supervision of, a medical practitioner; and
- (b) the person is not an admitted patient of a hospital or approved day hospital facility.

This item cannot be claimed with items 2497-2509, 2598-2616, 10994, 10995 or 10999.

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**Item 10999**

Service provided by a practice nurse, being the taking of a cervical smear from a woman between the ages of 20 and 69 inclusive, who has not had a cervical smear in the last 4 years, if:

- (a) the service is provided on behalf of, and under the supervision of, a medical practitioner; and
- (b) the person is not an admitted patient of a hospital or approved day hospital facility.

This item cannot be claimed with items 2497-2509 and 2598-2616, 10994, 10995 or 10998.

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**Item 16400**

Antenatal service provided by a midwife, nurse or registered Aboriginal Health Worker, if:

- (a) the service is provided on behalf of, and under the supervision of, a medical practitioner;
- (b) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a regional, rural or remote area RRMA 3-7;
- (c) the service is not performed in conjunction with another antenatal attendance item (some patient, same practitioner on the same day);
- (d) the service is not provided for an admitted patient of a hospital; and
- (e) to a maximum of 10 services per pregnancy.

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**Item 711**

Service provided by a practice nurse, being the provision of a health check for a patient who is receiving or has received their four year old immunisation, if:

- (a) the service is provided on behalf of, and under the supervision of, a medical practitioner (including a general practitioner, but not including a specialist or consultant physician); and
- (b) the person is not an admitted patient of a hospital.

Not being an attendance on a patient in respect of whom a payment has already been made under this item or item 709. Benefits are payable on one occasion only for each eligible patient.

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