

RACF CARE AND MEDICARE BILLING OVERVIEW INCLUDING COVID-19 TELEHEALTH

This quick guide is to assist general practice in understanding the Residential Aged Care Facility (RACF) and Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items and incentives.

COVID-19 TELEHEALTH ITEMS (available to all Australian outpatients)

SERVICE	EXISTING ITEMS Face to face	COVID-19 TELEHEALTH ITEMS Video-conference	COVID-19 TELEPHONE ITEMS -for when video conferencing is not available	REBATE -COVID-19 rebate may differ from those for regular items
Attendance for an obvious problem	3	91790	91795	\$17.50
Attendance < 20 minutes	23	91800	91809	\$38.20
Attendance 20-39 minutes	36	91801	91810	\$73.95
Attendance ≥ 40 minutes	44	91802	91811	\$108.85
Urgent after hours				
*GP urgent unsociable after hours (between 11pm and 7am)	599	92210	92216	\$155.45
Chronic Disease Management				
*GP management plan (GPMP)	721	92024	92068	\$146.55
*Team care arrangement (TCA)	723	92025	92069	\$116.15
*Review of GPMP/TCA	732	92028	92072	\$73.20
*Contribution for review of multidisciplinary care plan, non-RACF residents	729	92026	92070	\$71.55
*Contribution for review of multidisciplinary care plan, RACF residents	731	92027	92071	\$71.55

*services commenced on 30 March 2020

RACF CONSULTATIONS	FEE	ITEM
<i>Fees based on one patient seen. For more than one patient or non-vocationally registered item numbers, refer to MBS.</i>		
Brief	\$63.65	20
Standard	\$83.75	35
Long	\$118.40	43
Prolonged	\$152.25	51

RESIDENTIAL MEDICATION MANAGEMENT REVIEW (RMMR)	FEE	ITEM
<i>A RMMR is a review of medications in collaboration with the pharmacist report, for residents at risk of medication-related problems or significant change in medical condition. GP initiates RMMR with an accredited pharmacist for permanent residents (new or existing)</i>		
	\$106	903

RACF AFTER HOURS CONSULTATIONS NON-URGENT	FEE	ITEM
<i>Fees based on one patient seen. For more than one patient or non-vocationally registered item numbers, refer to MBS.</i>		
Mon-Fri: before 8am and after 6pm; Sat-Sun: 12noon-Mon 8am; public holiday: all day		
Brief	\$75.70	5010
Standard	\$95.70	5028
Long	\$130.65	5049
Prolonged	\$164.45	5067

GP CONTRIBUTE TO OR REVIEW A MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE PLAN	FEE	ITEM
<i>Requested to contribute to eligible multidisciplinary care plan, prepared by RACF or other provider. GP's contribution is to give advice, prepare part of the plan or amendments to the plan, and add a copy to the resident's medical records. Where clinically indicated, on submission of item 731 claim, residents may be eligible to access five allied health services in addition to those funded by RACF. Frequency: every three months, recommended every six months.</i>		
	\$70.40	731

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RACF AFTER HOURS CONSULTATIONS URGENT	FEE	ITEM
<i>For non-vocationally registered item numbers, refer to MBS.</i>		
Mon–Fri: 7am–8am, 6pm–11pm; Sat: 7am–8am, 12 noon–11pm; Sun/public holiday: 7am–11pm		
Urgent after hours	\$129.80	597
Between 11pm and 7am		
Urgent unsociable hours	\$153	599

RACF COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL ASSESSMENT (CMA)	FEE	ITEM
<i>Undertake CMA on admission for new residents, or for existing permanent residents.</i>		
<i>Frequency: either once per 12 months, or significant change in condition or treatment (e.g. palliative care).</i>		
Brief	\$59.35	701
Standard	\$137.90	703
Long	\$190.30	705
Prolonged	\$268.80	707

RACF TELEHEALTH	FEE	ITEM
<i>Fees based on one patient seen. For more than one patient, refer to MBS.</i>		
<i>Professional attendances by a general practitioner at a residential aged care facility with an RACF resident, providing clinical support during an MBS eligible video consult with a specialist or consultant physician.</i>		
at least five minutes	\$69.60	2125
less than 20 minutes	\$96.65	2138
at least 20 minutes	\$143.55	2179
at least 40 minutes	\$189.20	2220

RACF TELEHEALTH PRACTICE NURSE OR ABORIGINAL OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH WORKER ON BEHALF OF A GP	FEE	ITEM
<i>Professional attendance for clinical support on behalf of and under the supervision of a medical practitioner and participating in an eligible MBS video consultation with a specialist or consultant physician.</i>		
	\$32.40	10984

RACF CASE CONFERRING			
<i>Resident's GP organises and coordinates case conferencing for patients with chronic or complex needs, with at least two other healthcare providers whom provide different care or services.</i>			
<i>Resident/family may be involved/present but are not counted as care providers</i>			
<i>If organising and contributing to a case conference, both items can be claimed.</i>			
ITEM	FEE	ITEM	CONTRIBUTE TO
735	\$70.65	747	\$51.90 15–19 minutes
739	\$120.95	750	\$89.00 20–39 minutes
743	\$201.65	758	\$148.20 >40 minutes

RACF TELEHEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER	FEE	ITEM
<i>Professional attendance for Clinical Support and participating in an eligible MBS video consultation with a specialist or consultant physician. Only 85% of MBS Schedule Fee claimable</i>		
less than 20 minutes	\$24.10	82223
less than 40 minutes	\$45.65	82224
at least 40 minutes	\$67.15	82225

GENERAL PRACTICE AGED CARE ACCESS INCENTIVES (ACAI)	FEE
<i>PIP GP Aged Care Access Initiative payments are based on a GP providing and claiming a required number of eligible MBS services in RACFs in a financial year.</i>	
<i>Eligible GPs can receive two payments totaling \$5000 for the financial year. The payments are in addition to the consultation fee.</i>	
Tier 1 *SIP (60 services)	\$1,500
Tier 2 *SIP (140 services)	\$3,500