



Quick Reference Guide - COVID-19 Temporary MBS Telehealth Services for private patients receiving specialist care in-hospital

The new MBS telehealth specialist items apply from 15 September 2021 where:

- A private patient has been admitted to hospital; and
- The admitting specialist medical practitioner, at the time the attendance is provided, is:
 - located in an area determined by the Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer to be a COVID-19 hotspot; or
 - required to isolate because of a State or Territory COVID-19 public health order; or
 - required to be in quarantine because of a State or Territory COVID-19 public health order.

The listing of COVID-19 hotspots by the Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer can be found at the Department's website www.health.gov.au and by searching COVID-19 hot spots.

MBS rebate:

- The new inpatient telehealth items attract a Medicare rebate of 85% of the MBS Schedule Fee.
- Private health insurance benefits are not payable for these telehealth attendances.
- Out of pocket costs for the new items will count towards the patient's Medicare Safety Nets (original and extended).
- The fee structure for the new items aligns with equivalent face-to-face items and existing COVID-19 telehealth specialist items introduced from March 2020.

Table 1. Specialist services

| Service | Equivalent face-to-face Items (consulting room / in hospital) | In-patient Telehealth items via video-conference | In-patient Telephone items – for when video-conferencing is not available | MBS Fee In-patient Video and Phone | MBS Rebate (85%) In-patient Video and Phone |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Specialist. Initial attendance | 104 | 91846* | 91848* | \$90.35 | \$76.80 |
| Specialist. Subsequent attendance | 105 | 91847* | 91849* | \$45.40 | \$38.60 |

*For all specialties that have an existing arrangement to access consultations at the specialist rate.



Table 2. Consultant Physician services

| Service | Equivalent face-to-face Items (consulting room / in hospital) | In-patient Telehealth items via video-conference | In-patient Telephone items – for when video-conferencing is not available | MBS Fee In-patient Video and Phone | MBS Rebate (85%) In-patient Video and Phone |
|---|--|--|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Consultant physician. Initial attendance | 110 | 92471** | 92425** | \$159.35 | \$135.45 |
| Consultant physician. Subsequent attendance | 116 | 92472** | 92426** | \$79.75 | \$67.80 |
| Consultant physician. Minor attendance | 119 | 92473** | 92427** | \$45.40 | \$38.60 |

**For all specialties that have an existing arrangement to access consultations at the consultant physician rate.

Table 3. Consultant Psychiatrist services

| Service | Equivalent face-to-face Items (consulting room / in hospital) | In-patient Telehealth items via video-conference | In-patient Telephone items – for when video-conferencing is not available | MBS Fee In-patient Video and Phone | MBS Rebate (85%) In-patient Video and Phone |
|--|--|--|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Consultant psychiatrist, attendance, new patient (or has not received attendance in preceding 24 mths), more than 45 minutes | 296 / 297 | 92466 | 92506 | \$274.95 | \$233.75 |
| Consultant psychiatrist. Consultation, not more than 15 minutes | 300 / 320 | 92461 | 92501 | \$45.75 | \$38.90 |
| Consultant psychiatrist. Consultation, 15 to 30 minutes | 302 / 322 | 92462 | 92502 | \$91.30 | \$77.65 |
| Consultant psychiatrist. Consultation, 30 to 45 minutes | 304 / 324 | 92463 | 92503 | \$140.55 | \$119.50 |
| Consultant psychiatrist. Consultation, 45 to 75 minutes | 306 / 326 | 92464 | 92504 | \$194.00 | \$164.90 |
| Consultant psychiatrist. Consultation, more than 75 minutes | 308 / 328 | 92465 | 92505 | \$225.10 | \$191.35 |



Table 4. Public Health Physician services

| Service | Equivalent face-to-face Items (consulting room / in hospital) | In-patient Telehealth items via video-conference | In-patient Telephone items – for when video-conferencing is not available | MBS Fee In-patient Video and Phone | MBS Rebate (85%) In-patient Video and Phone |
|---|--|--|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Public health physician, level A attendance | 410 | 92517 | 92525 | \$20.65 | \$17.60 |
| Public health physician, level B attendance, less than 20 minutes | 411 | 92518 | 92526 | \$45.15 | \$38.40 |
| Public health physician, level C attendance, at least 20 minutes | 412 | 92519 | 92527 | \$87.35 | \$74.25 |
| Public health physician, level D attendance, at least 40 minutes | 413 | 92520 | 92528 | \$128.60 | \$109.35 |

Table 5. Neurosurgery services

| Service | Equivalent face-to-face Items (consulting room / in hospital) | In-patient Telehealth items via video-conference | In-patient Telephone items – for when video-conferencing is not available | MBS Fee In-patient Video and Phone | MBS Rebate (85%) In-patient Video and Phone |
|----------------------------------|--|--|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Neurosurgeon, initial attendance | 6007 | 92615 | 92625 | \$136.85 | \$116.35 |
| Neurosurgeon, minor attendance | 6009 | 92616 | 92626 | \$45.40 | \$38.60 |

Table 6. Anaesthesia services

| Service | Equivalent face-to-face Items (consulting room / in hospital) | In-patient Telehealth items via video-conference | In-patient Telephone items – for when video-conferencing is not available | MBS Fee In-patient Video and Phone | MBS Rebate (85%) In-patient Video and Phone |
|--|--|--|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Anaesthetist, professional attendance, advanced or complex | 17615 | 92702 | 92713 | \$90.35 | \$76.80 |



Table 7. Oral and maxillofacial surgical services

| Service | Equivalent face-to-face Items <i>(consulting room / in hospital)</i> | In-patient Telehealth items <i>via video-conference</i> | In-patient Telephone items – <i>for when video-conferencing is not available</i> | MBS Fee In-patient Video and Phone | MBS Rebate (85%) In-patient Video and Phone |
|--|--|---|---|---|--|
| Dental practitioner (oral and maxillofacial surgery only), initial attendance | 51700 | 54006 | 54011 | \$89.00 | \$75.65 |
| Dental practitioner (oral and maxillofacial surgery only), subsequent attendance | 51703 | 54007 | 54012 | \$44.75 | \$38.05 |