



# Summary of Items - COVID-19 Temporary MBS Telehealth Services for Private Admitted Patients

New MBS telehealth items for private admitted patients will be available from 15 September 2021. The items are intended to be temporary, expiring on 31 December 2021.

To bill any of the new telehealth inpatient items, the following general conditions **must** be met:

- 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 on the Department's website [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au) and by searching COVID-19 hot spots.

## MBS rebate:

- The new telehealth inpatient 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 specific item descriptors and MBS schedule fees and benefits for the new items are set out below. These are in addition to the general conditions described above.

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## Group A40 – COVID-19 services

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### Subgroup 4 – COVID-19 – specialist attendances telehealth services

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Item	Description	MBS Schedule Fee (\$)
91846	Telehealth attendance for a person by a specialist in the practice of the specialist's specialty if: (a) the attendance follows referral of the patient to the specialist; and (b) the attendance was of more than 5 minutes in duration; where the attendance was other than a second or subsequent attendance as part of a single course of treatment <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$76.80)</i>	90.35

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91847	Telehealth attendance for a person by a specialist in the practice of the specialist's specialty if: (a) the attendance follows referral of the patient to the specialist; and (b) the attendance was of more than 5 minutes in duration; where the attendance is after the first attendance as part of a single course of treatment <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$38.60)</i>	45.40
<b>Subgroup 7 – COVID-19 – specialist attendances phone services</b>		
91848	Phone attendance for a person by a specialist in the practice of the specialist's specialty if: (a) the attendance follows referral of the patient to the specialist; and (b) the attendance was of more than 5 minutes in duration; where the attendance was other than a second or subsequent attendance as part of a single course of treatment <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$76.80)</i>	90.35
91849	Phone attendance for a person by a specialist in the practice of the specialist's specialty if: (a) the attendance follows referral of the patient to the specialist; and (b) the attendance was of more than 5 minutes in duration; where the attendance is after the first attendance as part of a single course of treatment <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$38.60)</i>	45.40
<b>Subgroup 5 – COVID-19 – consultant physician telehealth services</b>		
92471	Telehealth attendance for a person by a consultant physician in the practice of the consultant physician's specialty (other than psychiatry) if: (a) the attendance follows referral of the patient to the specialist; and (b) the attendance was of more than 5 minutes in duration; where the attendance was other than a second or subsequent attendance as part of a single course of treatment <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$135.45)</i>	159.35
92472	Telehealth attendance for a person by a consultant physician in the practice of the consultant physician's specialty (other than psychiatry) if: (a) the attendance follows referral of the patient to the specialist; and (b) the attendance was of more than 5 minutes in duration; where the attendance is not a minor attendance after the first as part of a single course of treatment <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$67.80)</i>	79.75



92473	Telehealth attendance for a person by a consultant physician in the practice of the consultant physician's specialty (other than psychiatry) if: (a) the attendance follows referral of the patient to the specialist; and (b) the attendance was of more than 5 minutes in duration; where the attendance is a minor attendance after the first as part of a single course of treatment <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$38.60)</i>	45.40
<b>Subgroup 8 – COVID-19 – consultant physician phone services</b>		
92425	Phone attendance for a person by a consultant physician in the practice of the consultant physician's specialty (other than psychiatry) if: (a) the attendance follows referral of the patient to the specialist; and (b) the attendance was of more than 5 minutes in duration; where the attendance was other than a second or subsequent attendance as part of a single course of treatment <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$135.45)</i>	159.35
92426	Phone attendance for a person by a consultant physician in the practice of the consultant physician's specialty (other than psychiatry) if: (a) the attendance follows referral of the patient to the specialist; and (b) the attendance was of more than 5 minutes in duration; where the attendance is not a minor attendance after the first as part of a single course of treatment <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$67.80)</i>	79.75
92427	Phone attendance for a person by a consultant physician in the practice of the consultant physician's specialty (other than psychiatry) if: (a) the attendance follows referral of the patient to the specialist; and (b) the attendance was of more than 5 minutes in duration; where the attendance is a minor attendance after the first as part of a single course of treatment <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$38.60)</i>	45.40
<b>Subgroup 6 – COVID-19 – consultant psychiatrist telehealth services</b>		
92461	Telehealth attendance for a person by a consultant psychiatrist; if: (a) the attendance follows a referral of the patient to the consultant psychiatrist by a referring practitioner; and (b) the attendance was not more than 15 minutes duration <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$38.90)</i>	45.75
92462	Telehealth attendance for a person by a consultant psychiatrist; if: (a) the attendance follows a referral of the patient to the consultant psychiatrist by a referring practitioner; and (b) the attendance was at least 15 minutes, but not more than 30 minutes in duration <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$77.65)</i>	91.30



92463	Telehealth attendance for a person by a consultant psychiatrist; if: (a) the attendance follows a referral of the patient to the consultant psychiatrist by a referring practitioner; and (b) the attendance was at least 30 minutes, but not more than 45 minutes in duration <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$119.50)</i>	140.55
92464	Telehealth attendance for a person by a consultant psychiatrist; if: (a) the attendance follows a referral of the patient to the consultant psychiatrist by a referring practitioner; and (b) the attendance was at least 45 minutes, but not more than 75 minutes in duration <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$164.90)</i>	194.00
92465	Telehealth attendance for a person by a consultant psychiatrist; if: (a) the attendance follows a referral of the patient to the consultant psychiatrist by a referring practitioner; and (b) the attendance was at least 75 minutes in duration <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$191.35)</i>	225.10
92466	Telehealth attendance of more than 45 minutes in duration by a consultant physician in the practice of the consultant physician's speciality of psychiatry following referral of the patient to the consultant physician by a referring practitioner: (a) if the patient: (i) is a new patient for this consultant physician; or (ii) has not received an attendance from this consultant physician in the preceding 24 months; and (b) the patient has not received an attendance under this item, or item 91827 to 91831, 91837 to 91841, 92455 to 92457, 92495 to 92497 or 92477, or item 296, 297, 299, 300 to 346, 353 to 358 or 361 to 370 of the general medical services table, in the preceding 24 months <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$233.75)</i>	274.95
<b>Subgroup 9 – COVID-19 – consultant psychiatrist phone services</b>		
92501	Phone attendance for a person by a consultant psychiatrist; if: (a) the attendance follows a referral of the patient to the consultant psychiatrist by a referring practitioner; and (b) the attendance was not more than 15 minutes duration <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$38.90)</i>	45.75
92502	Phone attendance for a person by a consultant psychiatrist; if: (a) the attendance follows a referral of the patient to the consultant psychiatrist by a referring practitioner and (b) the attendance was at least 15 minutes, but not more than 30 minutes in duration <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$77.65)</i>	91.30



92503	Phone attendance for a person by a consultant psychiatrist; if: (a) the attendance follows a referral of the patient to the consultant psychiatrist by a referring practitioner; and (b) the attendance was at least 30 minutes, but not more than 45 minutes in duration <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$119.50)</i>	140.55
92504	Phone attendance for a person by a consultant psychiatrist; if: (a) the attendance follows a referral of the patient to the consultant psychiatrist by a referring practitioner; and (b) the attendance was at least 45 minutes, but not more than 75 minutes in duration <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$164.90)</i>	194.00
92505	Phone attendance for a person by a consultant psychiatrist; if: (a) the attendance follows a referral of the patient to the consultant psychiatrist by a referring practitioner; and (b) the attendance was at least 75 minutes in duration <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$191.35)</i>	225.10
92506	Phone attendance of more than 45 minutes in duration by a consultant physician in the practice of the consultant physician's speciality of psychiatry following referral of the patient to the consultant physician by a referring practitioner: (a) if the patient: (i) is a new patient for this consultant physician; or (ii) has not received an attendance from this consultant physician in the preceding 24 months; and (b) the patient has not received an attendance under this item, item 91827 to 91831, 91837 to 91841, 92455 to 92457, 92495 to 92497 or 92437, or item 296, 297, 299, 300 to 346, 353 to 358, or 361 to 370 of the general medical services table, in the preceding 24 months <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$233.75)</i>	274.95
<b>Subgroup 33— Public health physician – Telehealth Services</b>		
92517	Telehealth attendance by a public health physician in the practice of the public health physician's specialty of public health medicine—attendance for an obvious problem characterised by the straightforward nature of the task that requires a short patient history and, if required, limited management <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$17.60)</i>	20.65



92518	Telehealth attendance by a public health physician in the practice of the public health physician's specialty of public health medicine, lasting less than 20 minutes and including any of the following that are clinically relevant:  (a) taking a patient history; (b) arranging any necessary investigation; (c) implementing a management plan; (d) providing appropriate preventive health care; for one or more health-related issues, with appropriate documentation  <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$38.40)</i>	45.15
92519	Telehealth attendance by a public health physician in the practice of the public health physician's specialty of public health medicine, lasting at least 20 minutes and including any of the following that are clinically relevant:  (a) taking a detailed patient history; (b) arranging any necessary investigation; (c) implementing a management plan; (d) providing appropriate preventive health care; for one or more health-related issues, with appropriate documentation  <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$74.25)</i>	87.35
92520	Telehealth attendance by a public health physician in the practice of the public health physician's specialty of public health medicine, lasting at least 40 minutes and including any of the following that are clinically relevant:  (a) taking an extensive patient history; (b) arranging any necessary investigation; (c) implementing a management plan; (d) providing appropriate preventive health care; for one or more health-related issues, with appropriate documentation  <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$109.35)</i>	128.60
<b>Subgroup 34— Public health physician – Phone Services</b>		
92525	Phone attendance by a public health physician in the practice of the public health physician's specialty of public health medicine—attendance for an obvious problem characterised by the straightforward nature of the task that requires a short patient history and, if required, limited management  <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$17.60)</i>	20.65



92526	Phone attendance by a public health physician in the practice of the public health physician's specialty of public health medicine, lasting less than 20 minutes and including any of the following that are clinically relevant:  (a) taking a patient history;  (b) arranging any necessary investigation;  (c) implementing a management plan;  (d) providing appropriate preventive health care;  for one or more health-related issues, with appropriate documentation  <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$38.40)</i>	45.15
92527	Phone attendance by a public health physician in the practice of the public health physician's specialty of public health medicine, lasting at least 20 minutes and including any of the following that are clinically relevant:  (a) taking a detailed patient history;  (b) arranging any necessary investigation;  (c) implementing a management plan;  (d) providing appropriate preventive health care;  for one or more health-related issues, with appropriate documentation  <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$74.25)</i>	87.35
92528	Phone attendance by a public health physician in the practice of the public health physician's specialty of public health medicine, lasting at least 40 minutes and including any of the following that are clinically relevant:  (a) taking an extensive patient history;  (b) arranging any necessary investigation;  (c) implementing a management plan;  (d) providing appropriate preventive health care;  for one or more health-related issues, with appropriate documentation  <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$109.35)</i>	128.60



### Subgroup 35— Neurosurgery attendances – Telehealth Services

92615	Telehealth attendance by a specialist in the practice of neurosurgery following referral of the patient to the specialist (other than a second or subsequent attendance in a single course of treatment) <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$116.35)</i>	136.85
92616	Telehealth attendance by a specialist in the practice of neurosurgery following referral of the patient to the specialist—a minor attendance after the first in a single course of treatment <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$38.60)</i>	45.40

### Subgroup 36—Neurosurgery attendances – Phone Services

92625	Phone attendance by a specialist in the practice of neurosurgery following referral of the patient to the specialist (other than a second or subsequent attendance in a single course of treatment) <i>(85% MBS benefit \$116.35)</i>	136.85
92626	Phone attendance by a specialist in the practice of neurosurgery following referral of the patient to the specialist—a minor attendance after the first in a single course of treatment <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$38.60)</i>	45.40

### Subgroup 37 —Specialist, anaesthesia telehealth services

92702	Telehealth attendance by a medical practitioner in the practice of anaesthesia for a consultation on a patient undergoing advanced surgery or who has complex medical problems, involving a selective history and the formulation of a written patient management plan documented in the patient notes, and lasting more than 15 minutes (other than a service associated with a service to which any of items 2801 to 3000 of the general medical services table apply) <i>(85% MBS benefit \$76.80)</i>	90.35
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### Subgroup 38 —Specialist, anaesthesia phone services

92713	Phone attendance by a medical practitioner in the practice of anaesthesia for a consultation on a patient undergoing advanced surgery or who has complex medical problems, involving a selective history and the formulation of a written patient management plan documented in the patient notes, and lasting more than 15 minutes (other than a service associated with a service to which any of items 2801 to 3000 of the general medical services table apply) <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$76.80)</i>	90.35
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**Group O1—Consultations**

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**Subgroup 1—dental practitioner telehealth services**

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Item	Description	Fee (\$)
54006	Telehealth attendance (other than a second or subsequent attendance in a single course of treatment) by an approved dental practitioner in the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery, if the patient is referred to the approved dental practitioner <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$75.65)</i>	89.00
54007	Telehealth attendance by an approved dental practitioner in the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery, each attendance after the first in a single course of treatment, if the patient is referred to the approved dental practitioner <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$38.05)</i>	44.75
<hr/> <b>Subgroup 2—dental practitioner phone services</b> <hr/>		
54011	Phone attendance (other than a second or subsequent attendance in a single course of treatment) by an approved dental practitioner in the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery, if the patient is referred to the approved dental practitioner <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$75.65)</i>	89.00
54012	Phone attendance by an approved dental practitioner in the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery, each attendance after the first in a single course of treatment, if the patient is referred to the approved dental practitioner <i>(85% MBS benefit: \$38.05)</i>	44.75

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