

## **Taking a Cervical Smear from a Person who is Unscreened or Significantly Under-screened - (Items 2497 - 2509 and 2598 - 2616)**

The item numbers 2497, 2501, 2503, 2504, 2506, 2507, 2509, 2598, 2600, 2603, 2606, 2610, 2613 and 2616 should be used in place of the usual attendance item where as part of a consultation, a sample for cervical screening is collected from a person between the ages of 24 years and 9 months and 74 years inclusive who has not had a cervical screen in the last four years in accord with the National Cervical Screening Policy. Self collection of a sample for screening is only available for women between the ages of 30 and 74 years of age who are overdue for screening by two or more years (i.e. being 4 years since their last Pap test). Self collection should only be offered an eligible person refuses to have a sample collected by their requesting practitioner.

When providing this service, the doctor must satisfy themselves that the person has not had a cervical screening test in the last four years by:

- a) asking the person if they can remember having a cervical screening test in the last four years;
- b) checking their own practice's medical records; and
- c) checking the National Cancer Screening Register.

A person from the following groups are more likely than the general population to be unscreened or significantly underscreened - low socioeconomic status, culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, Indigenous communities, rural and remote areas and older people.

Vault smears are not eligible for items 2497 - 2509 and 2598 - 2616.

In addition to attracting a Medicare rebate, the use of these items will initiate a Cervical Screening SIP through the PIP.

A PIP Cervical Screening SIP is available for taking a cervical screen from a person who has not been screened in the last for four years. The SIP will be paid to the medical practitioner who provided the service if the service was provided in a general practice participating in the PIP Cervical Screening Incentive. A further PIP Cervical Screening Incentive payment is paid to practices which reach target levels of cervical screening for their patients aged 24 years and 9 months - 74 years inclusive. More detailed information on the PIP Cervical Screening Incentive is available from the Department of Human Services PIP enquiry line on 1800 222 032 or from the [Department of Human Services website](#).

Item	Item Descriptor
2497	Professional attendance at consulting rooms by a general practitioner: (a) involving taking a short patient history and, if required, limited examination and management; and (b) at which a specimen for a cervical screening service is collected from the patient; if the patient is at least 24 years and 9 months of age but is less than 75 years of age and has not been provided with a cervical screening service or a cervical smear service in the last 4 years.

	<p><b>Fee:</b> \$16.95 <b>Benefit:</b> 100% = \$16.95  (See para <a href="#">A5</a>, <a href="#">A42</a> of explanatory notes to this Category)  <u><b>Extended Medicare Safety Net Cap:</b> \$50.85</u></p>
2501	<p>Professional attendance by a general practitioner at consulting rooms, lasting less than 20 minutes and including any of the following that are clinically relevant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) taking a patient history;</li> <li>(b) performing a clinical examination;</li> <li>(c) arranging any necessary investigation;</li> <li>(d) implementing a management plan;</li> <li>(e) providing appropriate preventive health care;</li> </ul> <p>for one or more health-related issues, with appropriate documentation, and at which a specimen for a cervical screening service is collected from the patient, if the patient is at least 24 years and 9 months of age but is less than 75 years of age and has not been provided with a cervical screening service or a cervical smear service in the last 4 years.</p> <p><b>Fee:</b> \$37.05 <b>Benefit:</b> 100% = \$37.05  (See para <a href="#">A5</a>, <a href="#">A42</a> of explanatory notes to this Category)  <u><b>Extended Medicare Safety Net Cap:</b> \$111.15</u></p>
2503	<p>Professional attendance by a general practitioner at a place other than consulting rooms, lasting less than 20 minutes and including any of the following that are clinically relevant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) taking a patient history;</li> <li>(b) performing a clinical examination;</li> <li>(c) arranging any necessary investigation;</li> <li>(d) implementing a management plan;</li> <li>(e) providing appropriate preventive health care;</li> </ul> <p>for one or more health-related issues, with appropriate documentation, and at which a specimen for a cervical screening service is collected from the patient, if the patient is at least 24 years and 9 months of age but is less than 75 years of age and has not been provided with a cervical screening service or a cervical smear service in the last 4 years. The fee for item 2501, plus \$25.95 divided by the number of patients seen, up to a maximum of six patients. For seven or more patients - the fee for item 2501 plus \$2.00 per patient.</p> <p><u>Ready Reckoner</u>  (See para <a href="#">A5</a>, <a href="#">A42</a> of explanatory notes to this Category)  <u><b>Extended Medicare Safety Net Cap:</b> 300% of the Derived fee for this item, or \$500, whichever is the lesser amount</u></p>
2504	<p>Professional attendance by a general practitioner at consulting rooms, lasting at least 20 minutes and including any of the following that are clinically relevant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) taking a detailed patient history;</li> <li>(b) performing a clinical examination;</li> <li>(c) arranging any necessary investigation;</li> <li>(d) implementing a management plan;</li> <li>(e) providing appropriate preventive health care;</li> </ul> <p>for one or more health-related issues, with appropriate documentation, and at which a specimen for a cervical screening service is collected from the patient, if the patient is at least 24 years and 9 months of age but is less than 75 years of age and has not been provided with a cervical screening service or a cervical smear service in the last 4 years.</p> <p><b>Fee:</b> \$71.70 <b>Benefit:</b> 100% = \$71.70</p>

	<p>(See para <a href="#">A5</a>, <a href="#">A42</a> of explanatory notes to this Category)  <u><b>Extended Medicare Safety Net Cap:</b></u> \$215.10</p>
2506	<p>Professional attendance by a general practitioner at a place other than consulting rooms, lasting at least 20 minutes and including any of the following that are clinically relevant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) taking a detailed patient history;</li> <li>(b) performing a clinical examination;</li> <li>(c) arranging any necessary investigation;</li> <li>(d) implementing a management plan;</li> <li>(e) providing appropriate preventive health care;</li> </ul> <p>for one or more health-related issues, with appropriate documentation, and at which a specimen for a cervical screening service is collected from the patient, if the patient is at least 24 years and 9 months of age but is less than 75 years of age and has not been provided with a cervical screening service or a cervical smear service in the last 4 years. The fee for item 2504, plus \$25.95 divided by the number of patients seen, up to a maximum of six patients. For seven or more patients - the fee for item 2504 plus \$2.00 per patient.</p> <p><u>Ready Reckoner</u>  (See para <a href="#">A5</a>, <a href="#">A42</a> of explanatory notes to this Category)  <u><b>Extended Medicare Safety Net Cap:</b></u> 300% of the Derived fee for this item, or \$500, whichever is the lesser amount</p>
2507	<p>Professional attendance by a general practitioner at consulting rooms, lasting at least 40 minutes and including any of the following that are clinically relevant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) taking an extensive patient history;</li> <li>(b) performing a clinical examination;</li> <li>(c) arranging any necessary investigation;</li> <li>(d) implementing a management plan;</li> <li>(e) providing appropriate preventive health care;</li> </ul> <p>for one or more health-related issues, with appropriate documentation, and at which a specimen for a cervical screening service is collected from the patient, if the patient is at least 24 years and 9 months of age but is less than 75 years of age and has not been provided with a cervical screening service or a cervical smear service in the last 4 years.  <b>Fee:</b> \$105.55 <b>Benefit:</b> 100% = \$105.55  (See para <a href="#">A5</a>, <a href="#">A42</a> of explanatory notes to this Category)  <u><b>Extended Medicare Safety Net Cap:</b></u> \$316.65</p>
2509	<p>Professional attendance by a general practitioner at a place other than consulting rooms, lasting at least 40 minutes and including any of the following that are clinically relevant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) taking an extensive patient history;</li> <li>(b) performing a clinical examination;</li> <li>(c) arranging any necessary investigation;</li> <li>(d) implementing a management plan;</li> <li>(e) providing appropriate preventive health care;</li> </ul> <p>for one or more health-related issues, with appropriate documentation, and at which a specimen for a cervical screening service is collected from the patient, if the patient is at least 24 years and 9 months of age but is less than 75 years of age and has not been provided with a cervical screening service or a cervical smear service in the last 4 years. The fee for item 2507, plus \$25.95 divided by the number of patients seen, up to a maximum of six patients. For seven or more patients - the fee for item 2507 plus \$2.00 per</p>

	<p>patient.</p> <p><u>Ready Reckoner</u>  (See para <a href="#">A5</a>, <a href="#">A42</a> of explanatory notes to this Category)  <u>Extended Medicare Safety Net Cap:</u> 300% of the Derived fee for this item, or \$500, whichever is the lesser amount</p>
2598	<p>Professional attendance at consulting rooms of less than 5 minutes in duration by a medical practitioner who practices in general practice (other than a general practitioner) at which a specimen for a cervical screening service is collected from the patient, if the patient is at least 24 years and 9 months of age but is less than 75 years of age and has not been provided with a cervical screening service or a cervical smear service in the last 4 years.  <b>Fee:</b> \$11.00 <b>Benefit:</b> 100% = \$11.00  (See para <a href="#">A42</a> of explanatory notes to this Category)  <u>Extended Medicare Safety Net Cap:</u> \$33.00</p>
2600	<p>Professional attendance at consulting rooms of more than 5, but not more than 25 minutes in duration by a medical practitioner who practises in general practice (other than a general practitioner), at which a specimen for a cervical screening service is collected from the patient, if the patient is at least 24 years and 9 months of age but is less than 75 years of age and has not been provided with a cervical screening service or a cervical smear service in the last 4 years.  <b>Fee:</b> \$21.00 <b>Benefit:</b> 100% = \$21.00  (See para <a href="#">A42</a> of explanatory notes to this Category)  <u>Extended Medicare Safety Net Cap:</u> \$63.00</p>
2603	<p>Professional attendance at consulting rooms of more than 25 minutes, but not more than 45 minutes in duration by a medical practitioner who practises in general practice (other than a general practitioner), at which a specimen for a cervical screening service is collected from the patient, if the patient is at least 24 years and 9 months of age but is less than 75 years of age and has not been provided with a cervical screening service or a cervical smear service in the last 4 years.  <b>Fee:</b> \$38.00 <b>Benefit:</b> 100% = \$38.00  (See para <a href="#">A42</a> of explanatory notes to this Category)  <u>Extended Medicare Safety Net Cap:</u> \$114.00</p>
2606	<p>Professional attendance at consulting rooms of more than 45 minutes in duration by a medical practitioner who practises in general practice (other than a general practitioner), at which a specimen for a cervical screening service is collected from the patient, if the patient is at least 24 years and 9 months of age but is less than 75 years of age and has not been provided with a cervical screening service or a cervical smear service in the last 4 years.  <b>Fee:</b> \$61.00 <b>Benefit:</b> 100% = \$61.00  (See para <a href="#">A42</a> of explanatory notes to this Category)  <u>Extended Medicare Safety Net Cap:</u> \$183.00</p>
2610	<p>Professional attendance at a place other than consulting rooms of more than 5 minutes, but not more than 25 minutes in duration by a medical practitioner who practises in general practice (other than a general practitioner), at which a specimen for a cervical screening service is collected from the patient, if the patient is at least 24 years and 9 months of age but is less than 75 years of age and has not been provided with a cervical screening service</p>

	<p>or a cervical smear service in the last 4 years.  An amount equal to \$16.00, plus \$17.50 divided by the number of patients seen, up to a maximum of six patients. For seven or more patients - an amount equal to \$16.00 plus \$0.70 per patient  <u>Ready Reckoner</u>  (See para <u>A42</u> of explanatory notes to this Category)  <u>Extended Medicare Safety Net Cap:</u> 300% of the Derived fee for this item, or \$500, whichever is the lesser amount</p>
2613	<p>Professional attendance at a place other than consulting rooms of more than 25 minutes, but not more than 45 minutes in duration by a medical practitioner who practises in general practice (other than a general practitioner), at which a specimen for a cervical screening service is collected from the patient, if the patient is at least 24 years and 9 months of age but is less than 75 years of age and has not been provided with a cervical screening service or a cervical smear service in the last 4 years.  An amount equal to \$35.50, plus \$15.50 divided by the number of patients seen, up to a maximum of six patients. For seven or more patients - an amount equal to \$35.50 plus \$0.70 per patient  <u>Ready Reckoner</u>  (See para <u>A42</u> of explanatory notes to this Category)  <u>Extended Medicare Safety Net Cap:</u> 300% of the Derived fee for this item, or \$500, whichever is the lesser amount</p>
2616	<p>Professional attendance at a place other than consulting rooms of more than 45 minutes in duration by a medical practitioner who practises in general practice (other than a general practitioner), at which a specimen for a cervical screening service is collected from the patient, if the patient is at least 24 years and 9 months of age but is less than 75 years of age and has not been provided with a cervical screening service or a cervical smear service in the last 4 years.  An amount equal to \$57.50, plus \$15.50 divided by the number of patients seen, up to a maximum of six patients. For seven or more patients - an amount equal to \$57.50 plus \$0.70 per patient  <u>Ready Reckoner</u>  (See para <u>A42</u> of explanatory notes to this Category)  <u>Extended Medicare Safety Net Cap:</u> 300% of the Derived fee for this item, or \$500, whichever is the lesser amount</p>