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INFORMATION FOR GENERAL PRACTICE

MBS ITEMS AND CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT

The Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) is a listing of the Medicare services subsidised by the Australian government. For the latest information you can visit [MBS Online](http://www.mbsonline.gov.au) at:

<http://www.mbsonline.gov.au/internet/mbsonline/publishing.nsf/Content/Home>

Department of Human Services for health professionals

The Department of Human Services for Health Professionals site provides information for you and your practice about doing business with Medicare as well as individual health professionals. You can view this online at: <http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/index.jsp>. You can also contact Medicare on 132 150.

Information for consumers

Information for the community on Medicare and other Department of Human Services programs can be found at: <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/themes/medicare-and-your-health>

Chronic Disease Management (CDM) items

CDM items assist you and your practice to plan and coordinate the care of patients with chronic or terminal medical conditions, including patients who require multidisciplinary, team-based care from a GP and at least two other health or care providers.

Your patients who have, or will have, a chronic condition for at least six months are eligible for a GP Management Plan (GPMP) (721). Patients who also have complex care needs are also eligible for Team Care Arrangements (TCA) (723). There are six chronic disease items.

Patients who have both a GPMP (item 721) and TCAs (item 723) and are residents of aged care facilities may also be eligible for up to five individual allied health services per year (items 10950-10970). People with a GPMP who have diabetes can access rebates for allied health group services (items 81100 to 81125).

You will find fact sheets and proformas regarding completing GPMP/TCAs and claiming related MBS at the [Medicare website](http://www.health.gov.au)

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mbsprimarycare-chronicdiseasemanagement>

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Information for consumers

Information for consumers on chronic disease and CDM items is available on the Department of Health website. <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mbsprimarycare-chronicdisease-pdf-infosheet>

Health Assessments

Assessment of your patient's health and physical, psychological and social function and a determination on whether preventative health care and education should be considered.

You will find fact sheets, proformas and MBS item numbers for all health assessments at the Medicare website at:

http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mha_resource_kit

Information on assessments and other services for **refugees, people with a disability, children with autism** and **people with diabetes** are also available.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

Information on Aboriginal health assessments and services provided by nurses can be found at http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mbsprimarycare_ATSI_mbsha_resource_kit

Patients with a GP Management Plan (GPMP) or Team Care Arrangement (TCA) may also access support provided by practice nurse or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner on behalf of the GP (item 10997). Further information can be viewed at:

http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mbsprimarycare_ATSI_mbsha_resource_kit

Information on MBS items and chronic disease management can be found on the [COORDINARE website](http://www.coordinare.org.au/tools-for-general-practice/financial-incentives/) <http://www.coordinare.org.au/tools-for-general-practice/financial-incentives/>

MBS CHRONIC DISEASE ITEMS – useful resources and contacts

For a guide to common item numbers refer to: Frequently Used Desktop Guide to Item Numbers for General Practice - November 2014

<https://www.chnact.org.au/sites/default/files/Desktop%20Guide%20to%20MBS%20Item%20Numbers.pdf>

Other links and contacts:

- Health Professionals' phone number: 132150



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- Health professionals' contact numbers for a range of Department of Human Services programs can be found at: <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/health-professionals/contact-us/>

Training and resources for practices

- HCN – resources and training options: <http://medicaldirector.com/>
- Best Practice - resources and training options <http://www.bpsoftware.net/>
- Intrahealth (Profile) www.intrahealth.com.au
- TrainIT (Katrina Otto) katrina@trainitmedical.com.au Phone 0424 580286