

## Appendix 6: MBS Item Number Guide for Cervical Cancer Screening

### MBS Item numbers for cervical cancer screening in general practice

These item numbers should be used instead of the usual attendance item where the consultation includes the collection of a sample for cervical screening from a person between the ages of 24 years, 9 months and 74 years (inclusive) who has not had a cervical smear in the past **four** years.

When providing this service, the GP must be satisfied that the person has not had a cervical screening test in the last four years by:

- asking the person if they can remember having a cervical screening test in the last four years
- checking the individual's medical record
- checking the National Cancer Screening Register.

ITEM NO.	DURATION OF CONSULTATION	SCREENING BY WHOM	NOTES
2497 A		GP	Short patient history and, if required, limited examination and management; and a cervical screening sample is collected from the patient
2501 B	< 20 minutes	GP	Can include any of the following: taking a patient history; performing a clinical examination; arranging any necessary investigation; implementing a management plan; providing appropriate preventive health care; for one or more health-related issues.
2504 C	> 20 minutes	GP	Including any of the following that are clinically relevant: taking a detailed patient history; performing a clinical examination; arranging any necessary investigation; implementing a management plan; providing appropriate preventive health care; in relation to one or more health-related issues, with appropriate documentation
2507 D	< 40 minutes	GP	Including any of the following that are clinically relevant: taking an extensive patient history; performing a clinical examination; arranging any necessary investigation; implementing a management plan; providing appropriate preventive health care; for one or more health-related issues
2598	<5 minutes	Non-GP	When providing this service, the GP must be satisfied that the person has not had a cervical screening test in the last four years
2600	>5 minutes, <25 minutes	Non-GP	
2603	>25 minutes, >45 minutes	Non-GP	
2606	>45 minutes	Non-GP	

NOTE: Where a PN has collected the cervical screening sample, the GP cannot bill any of the above items. The GP can claim an attendance item, however, any of the PN's time is not to be included in the "timed" attendance item.

### Cervical cancer screening performed by a non-GP in an eligible area

These item numbers relate to professionals who are not medical practitioners, specialists or consultant physicians, for example nurse practitioners. These item numbers should be used instead of the usual attendance item

ITEM NO.	DURATION OF CONSULTATION	NOTES
251	<5 minutes	
252	>5 minutes, <25 minutes	Professional attendance at consulting rooms by a practitioner in an eligible area at which a specimen for a cervical screening service is collected from the patient, if the patient is at least 24 years, 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 four years
254	>25 minutes, >45 minutes	
256	>45 minutes	
253	>5 minutes, <25 minutes	Professional attendance at a place other than consulting by a practitioner in an eligible area, at which a specimen for a cervical screening service is collected from the patient, if the patient is at least 24 years, 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 four years
255	>25 minutes, >45 minutes	
257	>45 minutes	