

QUICK GUIDE

Manage refugee patients under a package of initiatives.

Planned, proactive services provide best practice health care while maximising MBS income.

MBS Item	Description	Fee	Task summary
707	Health Assessment	\$268.80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For refugees and other humanitarian entrants; must be provided within twelve months of the person's arrival in Australia or grant of visa. MBS item 707: prolonged 60+ mins. [Note, items 701, 703 or 705 may apply to shorter assessments of less complex patients.] For patient with complex and significant long-term health issues, resulting from their area of origin or previous living conditions, needing a comprehensive preventive care plan. Consider physical, psychological and social functioning, exposure to war, famine, repression, torture and/or extreme poverty. Consider immunisation, maternal and child health care, contraception advice, breast and cervical screening, FBC, iron studies; malaria Ag+/- film, Schistosomiasis and Strongyloides serology; Hepatitis B & C; serum vitamin D; faecal examination for parasites; STI screen, further TB (i.e. latent infection) and HIV assessment. Consider pre-departure assessments, and any agreement with the Health Undertaking Service (phone 131 881 for further information) Practice nurse may complete parts of the assessment as directed by GP; add nurse + GP time. Available once only per patient. See over for links to template and support information.
721	GP Management Plan (GPMP)	\$144.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare plan for patient and GP outlining problems, goals and treatment Every 12 months*
723	Team Care Arrangement (TCA)	\$114.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with at least 2 other providers and prepare treatment plan Every 12 months*
732	Care Plan Reviews	\$72.05 x 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review GPMP and/or TCA every 3-6 months*
10997	Practice Nurse care plan monitoring	\$12.00 x 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice Nurse monitors and supports care plan 5 per year
2517, 2521 or 2525	Diabetes Annual Cycle of Care (DACC)	\$37.15, \$71.70 or \$105.55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annually complete prescribed requirements for diabetes care† SIP items 2517-2525 (level A-D) Substitute SIP for normal consult item, at visit that completes the cycle.
900	Domiciliary Medication Management Review (DMMR / HMR)	\$154.80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to accredited pharmacist, review report, prepare patient plan Once every 24 months

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2700	Mental Health Care Patients with GP Mental Health Treatment Plan can be referred for Medicare-rebated psychological services.	\$71.70	GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, training not undertaken, at least 20 minutes, every 12 months if required
2701		\$105.55	GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, training not undertaken, at least 40 minutes, every 12 months if required
2715		\$91.05	GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, skills training undertaken, at least 20 minutes, every 12 months if required
2717		\$134.10	GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, skills training undertaken, at least 40 minutes, every 12 months if required
2712		\$71.70	Review of GP Mental Health Treatment Plan (see MBS for frequency)
2713		\$71.70	Mental Health Consultation (at least 20 mins) (no frequency limit)
735-743 or 747-758	Case conference	\$120.95 (if item 739) x 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP organises, or participates in, real-time conference with at least 2 other care providers • 5 conferences in 12 month period

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Unless exceptional circumstances apply (annotate the Medicare claim)

☞ Before claiming MBS items read the eligibility and service requirements in full: go to www.mbsonline.gov.au and search by item number.

☞ For history of patient claims, phone Medicare Australia on 132 150 or check on HPOS (per PRODA).

For applicable visas and proof required of the humanitarian entrant, see the Department of Health fact sheet: www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mbsprimarycare_mbsitem_refugees