# COVID-19 Temporary MBS Telehealth Services

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* Commencing 13 March 2020 and extending until 30 June 2021, temporary MBS telehealth items have been made available to help reduce the risk of community transmission of COVID-19 and provide protection for patients and health care providers.
* The temporary MBS telehealth items are available to GPs, medical practitioners, specialists, consultant physicians, nurse practitioners, participating midwives, allied health providers and dental practitioners in the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery.
* A service may only be provided by telehealth where it is safe and clinically appropriate to do so.
* The temporary MBS telehealth items are for out-of-hospital patients.
* It is a legislative requirement that GPs and Other Medical Practitioners (OMPs) working in general practice can only perform a telehealth or telephone service where they have an established clinical relationship with the patient. There are limited exemptions to this requirement.
* GP and OMP COVID-19 telehealth services are eligible for MBS incentive payments when provided as bulk billed services to Commonwealth concession card holders and children under 16 years of age.
* All providers are expected to obtain informed financial consent from patients prior to charging private fees for COVID-19 telehealth services.
* The temporary GP and OMP bulk billing incentive items for patients who are vulnerable to COVID-19 and the temporary doubling of all Medicare bulk-billing incentive fees ceased as of 1 October 2020.

## Why are the changes being made?

The Government is investing more than $1.1 billion to continue the national COVID-19 health response and suppression strategy until 31 December 2021. This includes extending the COVID-19 temporary telehealth items   
for a further three months, until 30 June 2021. This will ensure that patients continue to have access to key health initiatives, including Medicare-subsidised telehealth services.

The temporary MBS telehealth items allow people to access essential Medicare funded health services in their homes and reduce their risk of exposure to COVID-19 within the community. Previous updates made on 20 July 2020 ensure patients receive care from a GP, an OMP or a medical practice with whom they have an established clinical relationship.

## Who is eligible?

The temporary MBS telehealth items are available to providers of telehealth services for a wide range of consultations. All Medicare eligible Australians can receive these services. GPs and OMPs working in general practice may only provide a telehealth service where they have an existing relationship with the patient.

Additional detail is provided in the ‘GPs and Other Medical Practitioners’ factsheet, and ‘Provider’ FAQ at [MBS Online](http://www.mbsonline.gov.au/internet/mbsonline/publishing.nsf/Content/Factsheet-TempBB).

Bulk billing is at the discretion of all providers, so long as informed financial consent is obtained prior to the provision of the service.

Bulk billed GP and OMP services provided using the MBS telehealth items are eligible for MBS incentive payments when provided to Commonwealth concession card holders and children under 16 years of age.

## What telehealth options are available?

Videoconference services are the preferred approach for substituting a face-to-face consultation. However, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, providers can also offer audio-only services via telephone if video is not available. There are separate items available for the audio-only services.

No specific equipment is required to provide Medicare-compliant telehealth services. Practitioners must ensure that their chosen telecommunications solution meets their clinical requirements and satisfies privacy laws. To assist providers with their privacy obligations, a privacy checklist for telehealth services has been made available on MBSOnline: <http://www.mbsonline.gov.au/internet/mbsonline/publishing.nsf/Content/Factsheet-TelehealthPrivChecklist>. Further information can be found on the [Australian Cyber Security Centre website](https://www.cyber.gov.au/)

## What does this mean for providers?

The temporary MBS telehealth items allow providers to continue to deliver essential health care services to patients within their care.

Providers do not need to be in their regular practice to provide telehealth services. GPs and OMPs working in general practice must ensure that they have an established clinical relationship with their telehealth patients, or be able to explain how their patients qualify for exemptions to this requirement. Additional detail is in the ‘GPs and Other Medical Practitioners’ factsheet.

The telehealth MBS items can substitute for current face-to-face consultations that are available under the MBS when the service/s cannot be provided due to COVID-19 considerations. The telehealth items have the same clinical requirements as the corresponding face-to-face consultation items. Providers should use their provider number for their primary location, and must provide safe services in accordance with normal professional standards.

Rebates for services provided by GPs and OMPs are paid at 85% of the new item fees - these fee amounts have been increased so that the Medicare rebates paid for the new GP and OMP telehealth services are at the same level as the rebates paid for the equivalent face-to-face services. (Due to the urgency of the new telehealth arrangements, the Department of Health has not been able to amend the legislation that establishes 100% rebates for GP/OMP services.)

For additional information on the use of telehealth items, please refer to the [Provider Frequently Asked Questions](http://www.mbsonline.gov.au/internet/mbsonline/publishing.nsf/Content/Factsheet-TempBB) document available on MBSOnline.

## How will these changes affect patients?

Patients are eligible for GP and OMP telehealth services if they have an established clinical relationship with a GP, OMP, or a medical practice. This requirement supports longitudinal and person-centred primary health care that is associated with better health outcomes.

An *established relationship* is defined as the patient having seen the same practitioner for a face-to-face service in the last 12 months, or having seen a doctor or other health practitioner (such as a practice nurse or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health worker) at the same medical practice for a face-to-face service in the last 12 months.

This requirement does not apply to people who are homeless; patients receiving an urgent after-hours (unsociable hours) service; children under the age of 12 months; patients of medical practitioners at an Aboriginal Medical Service or an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service; and people living in a COVID-19 impacted area.

A COVID-19 impacted area is one where a person’s movement is restricted by a state or territory public health requirement that applies to the person’s location. This includes patients subject to quarantine, and other restrictions intended to support infection control.

A [consumer factsheet](http://www.mbsonline.gov.au/internet/mbsonline/publishing.nsf/Content/Factsheet-TempBB) is available on MBSOnline which provides further information on how these changes will affect patients.

## Who was consulted on the changes?

Targeted consultation with stakeholders has informed the temporary MBS telehealth items. Due to the nature of   
the COVID-19 emergency, it was not reasonably possible to undertake normal, broad consultations prior to implementation.

The extension of the temporary COVID-19 telehealth measures for another three months, until 30 June 2021, was a recommendation of the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee.

## How will the changes be monitored and reviewed?

The Department of Health continues to monitor the use of the temporary MBS telehealth items. Use of the items   
that does not seem to be in accordance with the relevant Medicare guidelines and legislation will be actioned appropriately.

## Where can I find more information?

COVID-19 National Health Plan resources for the general public, health professionals and industry are available from the [Australian Government Department of Health website](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-national-health-plan-resources).

The full item descriptors and information on other changes to the MBS can be found on the MBS Online website at [www.mbsonline.gov.au](http://www.mbsonline.gov.au/). You can also subscribe to future MBS updates by visiting [MBS Online](http://www.mbsonline.gov.au/) and clicking ‘Subscribe’.

The Department of Health provides an email advice service for providers seeking advice on interpretation of the MBS items and rules and the Health Insurance Act and associated regulations. If you have a query relating exclusively to interpretation of the Schedule, you should email [askMBS@health.gov.au](mailto:askMBS@health.gov.au).

Subscribe to ‘[News for Health Professionals](https://www.humanservices.gov.au/organisations/health-professionals/news/all)’ on the Services Australia website and you will receive regular news highlights.

If you are seeking advice in relation to Medicare billing, claiming, payments, or obtaining a provider number, please go to the Health Professionals page on the Services Australia website or contact Services Australia on the Provider Enquiry Line – 13 21 50.

Please note that the information provided is a general guide only. It is ultimately the responsibility of treating practitioners to use their professional judgment to determine the most clinically appropriate services to provide, and then to ensure that any services billed to Medicare fully meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the legislation.

This sheet is current as of the Last updated date shown above, and does not account for MBS changes since that date.

## **General Practitioner (GP) Services**

## Table 1: Standard GP services introduced on 13 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Attendance for an obvious problem | 3 | 91790 | 91795 |
| Attendance less than 20 minutes | 23 | 91800 | 91809 |
| Attendance at least 20 minutes | 36 | 91801 | 91810 |
| Attendance at least 40 minutes | 44 | 91802 | 91811 |

## Table 2: Health assessment for Indigenous People introduced 30 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Health assessment | 715 | 92004 | 92016 |

## Table 3: Chronic Disease Management items introduced 30 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Preparation of a GP management plan (GPMP) | 721 | 92024 | 92068 |
| Coordination of Team Care Arrangements (TCAs) | 723 | 92025 | 92069 |
| Contribution to a Multidisciplinary Care Plan, or to a review of a Multidisciplinary Care Plan, for a patient who is not a care recipient in a residential aged care facility | 729 | 92026 | 92070 |
| Contribution to a Multidisciplinary Care Plan, or to a review of a multidisciplinary care plan, for a resident in an aged care facility | 731 | 92027 | 92071 |
| Review of a GPMP or Coordination of a Review of TCAs | 732 | 92028 | 92072 |

## Table 4: Autism, pervasive developmental disorder and disability services introduced 30 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Assessment, diagnosis and preparation of a treatment and management plan for patient under 13 years with an eligible disability, at least 45 minutes. | 139 | 92142 | 92145 |

## Table 5: Pregnancy Support Counselling program items introduced 30 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Non-directive pregnancy support counselling, at least 20 minutes | 4001 | 92136 | 92138 |

## Table 6: Eating Disorder Management items introduced 30 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| GP without mental health skills training, preparation of an eating disorder treatment and management plan, lasting at least 20 minutes, but less than 40 minutes | 90250 | 92146 | 92154 |
| GP without mental health skills training, preparation of an eating disorder treatment and management plan, at least 40 minutes | 90251 | 92147 | 92155 |
| GP with mental health skills training, preparation of an eating disorder treatment and management plan, lasting at least 20 minutes, but less than 40 minutes | 90252 | 92148 | 92156 |
| GP with mental health skills training, preparation of an eating disorder treatment and management plan, at least 40 minutes | 90253 | 92149 | 92157 |
| Review of an eating disorder treatment and management plan | 90264 | 92170 | 92176 |
| Eating disorder psychological treatment (EDPT) service, lasting at least 30 minutes, but less than 40 minutes | 90271 | 92182 | 92194 |
| EDPT service, at least 40 minutes | 90273 | 92184 | 92196 |

Table 7: Mental Health Services items introduced 13 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Focussed Psychological Strategies (FPS) treatment, lasting at least 30 minutes, but less than 40 minutes | 2721 and 2729 | 91818 | 91842 |
| FPS treatment, at least 40 minutes | 2725 and 2731 | 91819 | 91843 |

Table 8: Mental Health Services items introduced 30 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| GP without mental health skills training, preparation of a GP mental health treatment plan, lasting at least 20 minutes, but less than 40 minutes | 2700 | 92112 | 92124 |
| GP without mental health skills training, preparation of a GP mental health treatment plan, at least 40 minutes | 2701 | 92113 | 92125 |
| Review of a GP mental health treatment plan or Psychiatrist Assessment and Management Plan | 2712 | 92114 | 92126 |
| Mental health treatment consultation, at least 20 minutes | 2713 | 92115 | 92127 |
| GP with mental health skills training, preparation of a GP mental health treatment plan, lasting at least 20 minutes, but less than 40 minutes | 2715 | 92116 | 92128 |
| GP with mental health skills training, preparation of a GP mental health treatment plan, at least 40 minutes | 2717 | 92117 | 92129 |

Table 9: Urgent After Hours Attendance items introduced 30 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Urgent attendance, unsociable after hours | 599 | 92210 | 92216 |

## Other Medical Practitioner (OMP) Services

Table 10: Standard OMP services introduced on 13 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Attendance of not more than 5 minutes | 52 | 91792 | 91797 |
| Attendance of more than 5 minutes but not more than 25 minutes | 53 | 91803 | 91812 |
| Attendance of more than 25 minutes but not more than 45 minutes | 54 | 91804 | 91813 |
| Attendance of more than 45 minutes | 57 | 91805 | 91814 |
| Attendance of not more than 5 minutes | 179 | 91794 | 91799 |
| Attendance of more than 5 minutes but not more than 25 minutes. Modified Monash 2-7 area | 185 | 91806 | 91815 |
| Attendance of more than 25 minutes but not more than 45 minutes. Modified Monash 2-7 area | 189 | 91807 | 91816 |
| Attendance of more than 45 minutes. Modified Monash 2-7 area | 203 | 91808 | 91817 |

Table 11: Health assessment for people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent items introduced 30 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Health assessment | 228 | 92011 | 92023 |

Table 12: Chronic Disease Management Items introduced 30 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Preparation of a GP management plan (GPMP) | 229 | 92055 | 92099 |
| Coordination of Team Care Arrangements (TCAs) | 230 | 92056 | 92100 |
| Contribution to a Multidisciplinary Care Plan, or to a review of a Multidisciplinary Care Plan, for a patient who is not a care recipient in a residential aged care facility | 231 | 92057 | 92101 |
| Contribution to a Multidisciplinary Care Plan, or to a review of a multidisciplinary care plan, for a resident in an aged care facility | 232 | 92058 | 92102 |
| Review of a GPMP or Coordination of a Review of TCAs | 233 | 92059 | 92103 |

Table 13: Pregnancy Support Counselling program items introduced 30 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Non-directive pregnancy support counselling of at least 20 minutes | 792 | 92137 | 92139 |

Table 14: Eating Disorder Management items introduced 30 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Medical Practitioner without mental health skills training, preparation of an eating disorder treatment and management plan, lasting at least 20 minutes, but less than 40 minutes | 90254 | 92150 | 92158 |
| Medical Practitioner without mental health skills training, preparation of an eating disorder treatment and management plan, at least 40 minutes | 90255 | 92151 | 92159 |
| Medical Practitioner with mental health skills training, preparation of an eating disorder treatment and management plan, lasting at least 20 minutes, but less than 40 minutes | 90256 | 92152 | 92160 |
| Medical Practitioner with mental health skills training, preparation of an eating disorder treatment and management plan, at least 40 minutes | 90257 | 92153 | 92161 |
| Review of an eating disorder treatment and management plan | 90265 | 92171 | 92177 |
| Eating disorders psychological treatment (EDPT) service, lasting at least 30 minutes, but less than 40 minutes | 90275 | 92186 | 92198 |
| EDPT service, at least 40 minutes | 90277 | 92188 | 92200 |

Table 15: Mental Health items introduced 13 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Focussed Psychological Strategies (FPS) treatment, lasting at least 30 minutes, but less than 40 minutes | 283 and 371 | 91820 | 91844 |
| FPS treatment, at least 40 minutes | 286 and 372 | 91821 | 91845 |

Table 16: Mental Health items introduced 30 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Medical Practitioner without mental health skills training, preparation of a GP mental health treatment plan, lasting at least 20 minutes, but less than 40 minutes | 272 | 92118 | 92130 |
| Medical Practitioner without mental health skills training, preparation of a GP mental health treatment plan, at least 40 minutes | 276 | 92119 | 92131 |
| Review of a GP mental health treatment plan or Psychiatrist Assessment and Management Plan | 277 | 92120 | 92132 |
| Medical Practitioner mental health treatment consultation, at least 20 minutes | 279 | 92121 | 92133 |
| Medical Practitioner with mental health skills training, preparation of a GP mental health treatment plan, lasting at least 20 minutes, but less than 40 minutes | 281 | 92122 | 92134 |
| Medical Practitioner with mental health skills training, preparation of a GP mental health treatment plan, at least 40 minutes | 282 | 92123 | 92135 |

Table 17: Urgent After Hours Attendance items introduced 30 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Urgent attendance, unsociable after hours | 600 | 92211 | 92217 |

## **Specialist and Consultant Physician Services**

**\***For all specialties that have an existing arrangement to access consultations at the specialist rate.

**\*\***For all specialties that have an existing arrangement to access consultations at the consultant physician rate.

Table 18: Specialist items introduced on 13 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Specialist. Initial attendance | 104 | 91822**\*** | 91832**\*** |
| Specialist. Subsequent attendance | 105 | 91823**\*** | 91833**\*** |

Table 19: Consultant Physician items introduced on 13 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Consultant physician. Initial attendance | 110 | 91824**\*\*** | 91834**\*\*** |
| Consultant physician. Subsequent attendance | 116 | 91825**\*\*** | 91835**\*\*** |
| Consultant physician. Minor attendance | 119 | 91826**\*\*** | 91836**\*\*** |

Table 20: Specialist and Consultant Physician items introduced on 30 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Specialist or consultant physician early intervention services for children with autism, pervasive developmental disorder or disability | 137 | 92141 | 92144 |

Table 21: Consultant Physician items introduced on 6 April 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Consultant physician. Initial assessment, patient with at least 2 morbidities, prepare a treatment and management plan, at least 45 minutes | 132 | 92422**\*\*** | 92431**\*\*** |
| Consultant physician, Subsequent assessment, patient with at least 2 morbidities, review a treatment and management plan, at least 20 minutes | 133 | 92423**\*\*** | 92432**\*\*** |

Table 22: Geriatrician items introduced on 6 April 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Geriatrician, prepare an assessment and management plan, patient at least 65 years, more than 60 minutes | 141 | 92623 | 92628 |
| Geriatrician, review a management plan, more than 30 minutes | 143 | 92624 | 92629 |

Table 23: Consultant Psychiatrist items introduced on 13 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Consultant psychiatrist. Consultation, not more than 15 minutes | 300 | 91827 | 91837 |
| Consultant psychiatrist. Consultation, 15 to 30 minutes | 302 | 91828 | 91838 |
| Consultant psychiatrist. Consultation, 30 to 45 minutes | 304 | 91829 | 91839 |
| Consultant psychiatrist. Consultation, 45 to 75 minutes | 306 | 91830 | 91840 |
| Consultant psychiatrist. Consultation, more than 75 minutes | 308 | 91831 | 91841 |

Table 24: Consultant Psychiatrist items introduced on 30 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *face to face* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Consultant psychiatrist, prepare an eating disorder treatment and management plan, more than 45 minutes | 90260 | 92162 | 92166 |
| Consultant psychiatrist, to review an eating disorder plan, more than 30 minutes | 90266 | 92172 | 92178 |

Table 25: Consultant Psychiatrist items introduced on 6 April 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** face to face | **Telehealth items** via video-conference | **Telephone items –** for when video-conferencing is not available |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Consultant psychiatrist, prepare a treatment and management plan, patient under 13 years with autism or another pervasive developmental disorder, at least 45 minutes | 289 | 92434 | 92474 |
| Consultant psychiatrist, prepare a management plan, more than 45 minutes | 291 | 92435 | 92475 |
| Consultant psychiatrist, review management plan, 30 to 45 minutes | 293 | 92436 | 92476 |
| Consultant psychiatrist, attendance, new patient (or has not received attendance in preceding 24 mths), more than 45 minutes | 296 | 92437 | 92477 |

Table 26: Consultant Psychiatrist items introduced on 6 April 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** face to face | **Telehealth items** via video-conference | **Telephone items –** for when video-conferencing is not available |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Consultant psychiatrist, interview of a person other than patient, in the course of initial diagnostic evaluation of patient, 20 to 45 minutes | 348 | 92458 | 92498 |
| Consultant psychiatrist, interview of a person other than patient, in the course of initial diagnostic evaluation of patient, 45 minutes or more | 350 | 92459 | 92499 |
| Consultant psychiatrist, interview of a person other than patient, in the course of continuing management of patient, not less than 20 minutes, not exceeding 4 attendances per calendar year | 352 | 92460 | 92500 |

Table 27: Consultant Psychiatrist items introduced on 20 April 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** face to face | **Telehealth items** via video-conference | **Telephone items –** for when video-conferencing is not available |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Consultant psychiatrist, group psychotherapy, at least 1 hour, involving group of 2 to 9 unrelated patients or a family group of more than 3 patients, each referred to consultant psychiatrist | 342 | 92455 | 92495 |
| Consultant psychiatrist, group psychotherapy, at least 1 hour, involving family group of 3 patients, each referred to consultant psychiatrist | 344 | 92456 | 92496 |
| Consultant psychiatrist, group psychotherapy, at least 1 hour, involving family group of 2 patients, each referred to consultant psychiatrist | 346 | 92457 | 92497 |

Table 28: Paediatrician items introduced on 20 April 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** face to face | **Telehealth items** via video-conference | **Telephone items –** for when video-conferencing is not available |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Paediatrician early intervention services for children with autism, pervasive developmental disorder or disability | 135 | 92140 | 92143 |
| Paediatrician, prepare an eating disorder treatment and management plan, more than 45 minutes | 90261 | 92163 | 92167 |
| Paediatrician, to review an eating disorder plan, more than 20 minutes | 90267 | 92173 | 92179 |

Table 29: Public Health Physician items introduced on 20 April 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** face to face | **Telehealth items** via video-conference | **Telephone items –** for when video-conferencing is not available |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Public health physician, level A attendance | 410 | 92513 | 92521 |
| Public health physician, level B attendance, less than 20 minutes | 411 | 92514 | 92522 |
| Public health physician, level C attendance, at least 20 minutes | 412 | 92515 | 92523 |
| Public health physician, level D attendance, at least 40 minutes | 413 | 92516 | 92524 |

Table 30: Neurosurgery items introduced on 20 April 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** face to face | **Telehealth items** via video-conference | **Telephone items –** for when video-conferencing is not available |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Neurosurgeon, initial attendance | 6007 | 92610 | 92617 |
| Neurosurgeon, minor attendance | 6009 | 92611 | 92618 |
| Neurosurgeon, subsequent attendance, 15 to 30 minutes | 6011 | 92612 | 92619 |
| Neurosurgeon, subsequent attendance, 30 to 45 minutes | 6013 | 92613 | 92620 |
| Neurosurgeon, subsequent attendance, more than 45 minutes | 6015 | 92614 | 92621 |

Table 31: Anaesthesia items introduced on 20 April 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** face to face | **Telehealth items** via video-conference | **Telephone items –** for when video-conferencing is not available |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Anaesthetist, professional attendance, advanced or complex | 17615 | 92701 | 92712 |

## **Obstetric, Dental, Nursing and Midwifery Services**

Table 32: Obstetrician, GP, Midwife, Nurse Practitioner, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner antenatal and postnatal items introduced on 13 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** face to face | **Telehealth items** via video-conference | **Telephone items –** for when video-conferencing is not available |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Antenatal Service provided by a Nurse, Midwife or an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner on behalf of, and under the supervision of, a medical practitioner | 16400 | 91850 | 91855 |
| Postnatal attendance by an obstetrician or GP | 16407 | 91851 | 91856 |
| Postnatal attendance by:  (i) a midwife (on behalf of and under the supervision of the medical practitioner who attended the birth); or  (ii) an obstetrician; or  (iii) a general practitioner | 16408 | 91852 | 91857 |
| Antenatal attendance | 16500 | 91853 | 91858 |

Table 33: Dental Practitioner in the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery items introduced on 13 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** face to face | **Telehealth items** via video-conference | **Telephone items –** for when video-conferencing is not available |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Dental practitioner (oral and maxillofacial surgery only), initial attendance | 51700 | 54001 | 54003 |
| Dental practitioner (oral and maxillofacial surgery only), subsequent attendance | 51703 | 54002 | 54004 |

Table 34: Nurse Practitioner items introduced on 13 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** face to face | **Telehealth items** via video-conference | **Telephone items –** for when video-conferencing is not available |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Attendance for an obvious problem | 82200 | 91192 | 91193 |
| Attendance less than 20 minutes | 82205 | 91178 | 91189 |
| Attendance at least 20 minutes | 82210 | 91179 | 91190 |
| Attendance at least 40 minutes | 82215 | 91180 | 91191 |

Table 35: Midwife items introduced on 13 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** face to face | **Telehealth items** via video-conference | **Telephone items –** for when video-conferencing is not available |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Short antenatal attendance lasting up to 40 minutes | 82105 | 91211 | 91218 |
| Long antenatal attendance lasting at least 40 minutes | 82110 | 91212 | 91219 |
| Short postnatal attendance lasting up to 40 minutes | 82130 | 91214 | 91221 |
| Long postnatal attendance lasting at least 40 minutes | 82135 | 91215 | 91222 |

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Table 36: Clinical Psychologist items introduced on 13 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *current video-conference items* *Current geographic restrictions apply* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference Geographic restrictions do not apply* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* *Geographic restrictions do not apply* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Attendance lasting more than 30 minutes but less than 50 minutes | 80001 | 91166 | 91181 |
| Attendance lasting at least 50 minutes | 80011 | 91167 | 91182 |

Table 37: Psychologist items introduced on 13 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *current video-conference items* *Current geographic restrictions apply* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference Geographic restrictions do not apply* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* *Geographic restrictions do not apply* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Attendance lasting more than 20 minutes but less than 50 minutes | 80101 | 91169 | 91183 |
| Attendance lasting at least 50 minutes | 80111 | 91170 | 91184 |

Table 38: Occupational Therapist items introduced on 13 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *current video-conference items* *Current geographic restrictions apply* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference Geographic restrictions do not apply* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* *Geographic restrictions do not apply* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Attendance lasting more than 20 minutes but less than 50 minutes | 80126 | 91172 | 91185 |
| Attendance lasting at least 50 minutes | 80136 | 91173 | 91186 |

Table 39: Social Worker items introduced on 13 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** *current video-conference items* *Current geographic restrictions apply* | **Telehealth items** *via video-conference Geographic restrictions do not apply* | **Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* *Geographic restrictions do not apply* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Attendance lasting more than 20 minutes but less than 50 minutes | 80151 | 91175 | 91187 |
| Attendance lasting at least 50 minutes | 80161 | 91176 | 91188 |

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Table 40: Chronic Disease Management items introduced on 30 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** face to face | **Telehealth items** via video-conference | **Telephone items –** for when video-conferencing is not available |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Allied health CDM services (all 13 items) | 10950, 10951, 10952, 10953, 10954, 10956, 10958, 10960, 10962, 10964, 10966, 10968, 10970 | 93000 | 93013 |

Table 41: Chronic Disease Management items introduced on 20 April 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** face to face | **Telehealth items** via video-conference | **Telephone items –** for when video-conferencing is not available |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| CDM service provided by a practice nurse or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner | 10997 | 93201 | 93203 |

Table 42: Allied Health follow-up services for People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Descent introduced on 30 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** face to face | **Telehealth items** via video-conference | **Telephone items –** for when video-conferencing is not available |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Allied health Follow-up services (all 13 items) | 81300, 81305, 81310, 81315, 81320, 81325, 81330, 81335, 81340, 81345, 81350, 81355, 81360 | 93048 | 93061 |

Table 43: Allied Health follow-up services for People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Descent introduced on 20 April 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** face to face | **Telehealth items** via video-conference | **Telephone items –** for when video-conferencing is not available |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Follow up services provided by a practice nurse or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner | 10987 | 93200 | 93202 |

Table 44: Pregnancy Support Counselling items introduced on 30 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** face to face | **Telehealth items** via video-conference | **Telephone items –** for when video-conferencing is not available |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Non-directive pregnancy support counselling by eligible psychologist, social worker or mental health nurse, at least 30 minutes | 81000, 81005, 81010 | 93026 | 93029 |

Table 45: Autism, Pervasive Developmental Disorder and Disability Services items introduced on 30 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** face to face | **Telehealth items** via video-conference | **Telephone items –** for when video-conferencing is not available |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Psychologist. Autism, pervasive developmental disorder and disability assessment service for children under 13 years, at least 50 minutes | 82000 | 93032 | 93040 |
| Speech pathologist, occupational therapist, audiologist, optometrist, orthoptist or physiotherapist. Autism, pervasive developmental disorder and disability assessment service for children under 13 years, at least 50 minutes | 82005, 82010, 82030 | 93033 | 93041 |
| Psychologist. Treatment of a pervasive developmental disorder or eligible disability for children under 15 years, at least 30 minutes | 82015 | 93035 | 93043 |
| Speech pathologist, occupational therapist, audiologist, optometrist, orthoptist or physiotherapist. Treatment of a pervasive developmental disorder or eligible disability for children under 15 years, at least 30 minutes | 82020, 82025, 82035 | 93036 | 93044 |

Table 46: Eating Disorder items introduced on 30 March 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** face to face | **Telehealth items** via video-conference | **Telephone items –** for when video-conferencing is not available |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Dietitian, eating disorders service, at least 20 minutes | 82350 | 93074 | 93108 |
| Clinical psychologist, eating disorders service lasting more than 30 minutes, but less than 50 minutes | 82352 | 93076 | 93110 |
| Clinical psychologist, eating disorders service, at least 50 minutes | 82355 | 93079 | 93113 |
| Psychologist, eating disorders service, lasting more than 20 minutes, but less than 50 minutes | 82360 | 93084 | 93118 |
| Psychologist, eating disorders service, at least 50 minutes | 82363 | 93087 | 93121 |
| Occupational therapist, eating disorders service, lasting more than 20 minutes, but less than 50 minutes | 82368 | 93092 | 93126 |
| Occupational therapist, eating disorders service, at least 50 minutes | 82371 | 93095 | 93129 |
| Social worker, eating disorders service, lasting more than 20 minutes, but less than 50 minutes | 82376 | 93100 | 93134 |
| Social worker, eating disorders service, at least 50 minutes | 82379 | 93103 | 93137 |

Table 47: Dietitian Group Service items introduced on 22 May 2020

| **Service** | **Existing Items** face to face | **Telehealth items** via video-conference | **Telephone items –** for when video-conferencing is not available |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Dietitian, eligible, assessment for a group service | 81120 | 93284 | 93286 |
| Dietitian, eligible, group service | 81125 | 93285 | Not Available |