



Quick Reference Guide - COVID-19 Temporary MBS Telehealth Services for private patients receiving specialist care in-hospital

The new MBS telehealth specialist items apply from 15 September 2021 where:

- A private patient has been admitted to hospital; and
- The admitting specialist medical practitioner, at the time the attendance is provided, is:
 - located in an area determined by the Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer to be a COVID-19 hotspot; or
 - required to isolate because of a State or Territory COVID-19 public health order; or
 - required to be in quarantine because of a State or Territory COVID-19 public health order.

The listing of COVID-19 hotspots by the Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer can be found at the Department's website www.health.gov.au and by searching COVID-19 hot spots.

MBS rebate:

- The new inpatient telehealth items attract a Medicare rebate of 85% of the MBS Schedule Fee.
- Private health insurance benefits are not payable for these telehealth attendances.
- Out of pocket costs for the new items will count towards the patient's Medicare Safety Nets (original and extended).
- The fee structure for the new items aligns with equivalent face-to-face items and existing COVID-19 telehealth specialist items introduced from March 2020.

Table 1. Specialist services

Service	Equivalent face-to-face Items <i>(consulting room / in hospital)</i>	In-patient Telehealth items via video-conference	In-patient Telephone items – <i>for when video-conferencing is not available</i>	MBS Fee In-patient Video and Phone	MBS Rebate (85%) In-patient Video and Phone
Specialist. Initial attendance	104	91846*	91848*	\$90.35	\$76.80
Specialist. Subsequent attendance	105	91847*	91849*	\$45.40	\$38.60

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



Table 2. Consultant Physician services

Service	Equivalent face-to-face Items (consulting room / in hospital)	In-patient Telehealth items via video-conference	In-patient Telephone items – for when video-conferencing is not available	MBS Fee In-patient Video and Phone	MBS Rebate (85%) In-patient Video and Phone
Consultant physician. Initial attendance	110	92471**	92425**	\$159.35	\$135.45
Consultant physician. Subsequent attendance	116	92472**	92426**	\$79.75	\$67.80
Consultant physician. Minor attendance	119	92473**	92427**	\$45.40	\$38.60

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

Table 3. Consultant Psychiatrist services

Service	Equivalent face-to-face Items (consulting room / in hospital)	In-patient Telehealth items via video-conference	In-patient Telephone items – for when video-conferencing is not available	MBS Fee In-patient Video and Phone	MBS Rebate (85%) In-patient Video and Phone
Consultant psychiatrist, attendance, new patient (or has not received attendance in preceding 24 mths), more than 45 minutes	296 / 297	92466	92506	\$274.95	\$233.75
Consultant psychiatrist. Consultation, not more than 15 minutes	300 / 320	92461	92501	\$45.75	\$38.90
Consultant psychiatrist. Consultation, 15 to 30 minutes	302 / 322	92462	92502	\$91.30	\$77.65
Consultant psychiatrist. Consultation, 30 to 45 minutes	304 / 324	92463	92503	\$140.55	\$119.50
Consultant psychiatrist. Consultation, 45 to 75 minutes	306 / 326	92464	92504	\$194.00	\$164.90
Consultant psychiatrist. Consultation, more than 75 minutes	308 / 328	92465	92505	\$225.10	\$191.35



Table 4. Public Health Physician services

Service	Equivalent face-to-face Items (consulting room / in hospital)	In-patient Telehealth items via video-conference	In-patient Telephone items – for when video-conferencing is not available	MBS Fee In-patient Video and Phone	MBS Rebate (85%) In-patient Video and Phone
Public health physician, level A attendance	410	92517	92525	\$20.65	\$17.60
Public health physician, level B attendance, less than 20 minutes	411	92518	92526	\$45.15	\$38.40
Public health physician, level C attendance, at least 20 minutes	412	92519	92527	\$87.35	\$74.25
Public health physician, level D attendance, at least 40 minutes	413	92520	92528	\$128.60	\$109.35

Table 5. Neurosurgery services

Service	Equivalent face-to-face Items (consulting room / in hospital)	In-patient Telehealth items via video-conference	In-patient Telephone items – for when video-conferencing is not available	MBS Fee In-patient Video and Phone	MBS Rebate (85%) In-patient Video and Phone
Neurosurgeon, initial attendance	6007	92615	92625	\$136.85	\$116.35
Neurosurgeon, minor attendance	6009	92616	92626	\$45.40	\$38.60

Table 6. Anaesthesia services

Service	Equivalent face-to-face Items (consulting room / in hospital)	In-patient Telehealth items via video-conference	In-patient Telephone items – for when video-conferencing is not available	MBS Fee In-patient Video and Phone	MBS Rebate (85%) In-patient Video and Phone
Anaesthetist, professional attendance, advanced or complex	17615	92702	92713	\$90.35	\$76.80



Table 7. Oral and maxillofacial surgical services

Service	Equivalent face-to-face Items <i>(consulting room / in hospital)</i>	In-patient Telehealth items <i>via video-conference</i>	In-patient Telephone items – <i>for when video-conferencing is not available</i>	MBS Fee In-patient Video and Phone	MBS Rebate (85%) In-patient Video and Phone
Dental practitioner (oral and maxillofacial surgery only), initial attendance	51700	54006	54011	\$89.00	\$75.65
Dental practitioner (oral and maxillofacial surgery only), subsequent attendance	51703	54007	54012	\$44.75	\$38.05