

MBS Remuneration to Support a Planned General Practice Palliative Care Pathway (Residential Aged Care)

The aim of this webpage is to support multidisciplinary practice by describing a palliative care pathway which clearly shows remuneration for palliative care services.

Suggested Timeframe	Medicare Initiative	Activities	MBS Item	MBS Benefit 100% (as of 21/12/22)
0 months	Comprehensive Medical Assessment (CMA)	On admission, then annually. Identify who is appointed to assist with healthcare decisions for patients who do not have 'capacity' for palliative care discussions. Select relevant item based on complexity and PN +GP time.	701	\$62.75
			703	\$145.80
			705	\$201.15
			707	\$284.20
	Domiciliary Medication Management Review (HMR)	Referral to eligible pharmacist; ensures optimal management of patient with 5 or more medications and/or complexity.	903	\$112.05
2 week	GP Mental Health Treatment Plan	Select relevant item depending on time and GP training.	2700	\$75.80
			2701	\$111.60
			2712	\$75.80
			2713	\$75.80
			2715	\$96.25
			2717	\$141.80
1st month	Care Plan Contribution	For patients with chronic disease; GP contributes to facility's plan. GP contribution entitles the patient to Medicare allied health services (EPC), 5 per calendar year.	731	\$74.40
2nd month	Case Conference	Opportunity for holistic informed approach to ongoing care for providers, carers, and family. Organised by the GP; 20-40 minutes long; requires GP and at least 2 other providers (e.g. Palliative Care Specialist) in 'real' time.	739	\$127.85

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4th month	Level D consultation	To complete Advanced Care Directive, following earlier discussions.	44	\$113.30
5th month	Review GP Mental Health Treatment Plan	4 weeks - 6 months after preparation of plan, review referral feedback and progress against goals.	2712	\$75.80
6 month	Care Plan Contribution	Review of facility's multidisciplinary plan and above GP contribution.	731	\$74.40
8 month	Case Conference	Organised by GP; 20-40 minutes long; GP+2 other providers in 'real' time.	739	\$127.85
After 12 months	Repeat CMA, case conferences and care plan contributions where clinically required.		As above.	

Source: Based on information from: PHN North Western Melbourne, MBS Remuneration to Support Planned End-of-Life and Palliative Care for Patients, A guide for Health Professionals working in General Practice and Residential Aged Care. Sept. 2019.