

Overview of standard MBS Items in Aged Care Homes

Standard Consultation items
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Standard Consultation Items

Standard Consultation Items for use by VR GPs for residents of aged care homes:

Items 20, 35, 43, 51

- For more information refer to MBS pg 33 explanatory notes
- These items are used instead of standard consultation items that are used when a patient is seen in the doctor's surgery (Items 3, 23, 36, 44 otherwise known as level A, B, C, & D consultations)

Standard Consultation Items

Length of visit	Consultation at a Residential Aged Care Facility	Derived from surgery consultation
Short consultation	Item 20	Item 3 (level 'A')
Less than 20 minutes	Item 35	Item 23 (level 'B')
At least 20 min and less than 40 minutes	Item 43	Item 36 (level 'C')
At least 40 minutes	Item 51	Item 44 (level 'D')

Standard Consultation Fees

- Fees for visits to residents of aged care facilities are calculated using the surgery consultation Items plus \$21.55 divided by the number of patients seen (up to six patients).
- Alternatively fees may also be explained as the standard consultation Items fee plus \$21.55 (for the first six patients)
- For seven patients or more the fee is calculated as the standard consultation items plus \$1.55 per patient

Standard Consultation Fees

Example:

A resident is seen by the GP in an aged care home for less than 20 minutes

Item 35 attendance: Fee derived from Level 'B' consultation Item 23 \$30.85 plus \$21.55 (up to first six patients seen)

Standard Consultation Fees

1 patient seen

Fee for item 23 'level B' \$30.85 plus \$21.55

$$\$30.85 + \$21.55 = \$52.40$$

Benefit: 85% = \$44.55

For 2 patients seen

Fee for item 23 'level B' \$30.85

plus \$21.55 divided by two i.e. \$10.77

$$\$30.85 + \$10.77 = \$41.62$$

Benefit: 85% = \$35.40

Standard Consultation Items

For 6 patients

Fee for item 23 'level B' \$30.85

plus \$21.55 divided by six i.e. \$3.59

$\$30.85 + \$3.59 = \$34.44$ each patient

Benefit: 85% = \$29.30

For 7 patients or more

Fee for item 23 'level B' \$30.20

Plus \$1.55 per patient

$\$30.85 + \$1.55 = \$32.40$ each patient

Benefit: 85% = \$27.55

Summary of Payments

- Refer to ready reckoner on page 66 of MBS for summary of payments according to number of patients seen

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