

Enhanced Primary Care (EPC) Package
New MBS Items
GP Education, Support and Community Linkages
Program
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2. EPC Network Meeting

The next EPC Network Meeting will be on Friday the 17th of August. The morning session is a skills development workshop focusing on Program Planning and review and will involve both the EPC & Mental Health Networks. A detailed agenda accompanies this update. A briefer agenda & Fax back can be found on the web page. *Please note that Robyn Cooke & Collette Murray from Medicare Branch in Canberra will be speaking about the Care Planning PIP & the Domiciliary Medication Review.*

Collette will be available to answer general EPC Questions. It would be helpful if questions are collated and sent to Collette beforehand. So, if you would like anything in particular addressed please send me your questions ASAP.

3. EPC Network

Welcome to Michelle Luscome-Schembri from Western Melbourne division who is new to the EPC network. Farewell to Keryn McNaught, from Ballarat Division.

Please note and advise GP Trainer

4. Recently Asked Questions

Can a GP charge for a standard consultation and a HA or CP or CC on the same day?

Although the HIC has a system 'block' on payment for the provision of two services (ie a consultation, and a HA/CP/CC) on the same day, the HIC operator would override the block if the GP's account for the services is annotated

(ie as 'service clinically required on same day' or similar).

If the account is not annotated, it will not be paid. (Note also that there may be situations where eg a new operator processing the claim for payment at the HIC may be unaware of the procedure and simply see the block and reject the account. In such situations the account would need to be resubmitted to HIC for payment.)

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