

# MBS TELEHEALTH INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

## Aboriginal health check and follow up items

### What is Telehealth?

- Telehealth refers to video and telephone calls to conduct health consultations, which are available for a range of health services by General Practitioners (GPs), Nurse Practitioners, Aboriginal Health Practitioners and Workers, Mental Health professionals, Allied Health professionals and some medical specialists. As of 1 July 2021, video calls/conferencing is the suggested method.
- Telehealth is a significant strategy that ensures people can continue to access essential health services while reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and possible community transmission. Telehealth can also help to reduce the demand for personal protective equipment by health providers

### Points to consider about telehealth:

- Supplements and does not replace face-to-face consultations
- Can support different members of the team (multidisciplinary) to provide the health check at different times (over multiple consultations)
- Offers greater flexibility in how health checks are available to patients and conducted by healthcare teams
- Different components may be offered by telehealth and in face-to-face consultations depending on
  - availability of healthcare staff in different settings
  - patient preferences
  - access to services (including due to restrictions eg during the pandemic).

Further advice on undertaking a Telehealth 715 Health assessment can be found at [RACGP](#)

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Title	MBS number	Phone	Video	Rebate(85%)
<b>GP appointments</b>				
Attendance for an obvious problem	3	*	91790	\$17.90
Attendance less than 20 min	23	*	91800	\$39.10
Attendance at least 20 min	36	*	91801	\$75.75
Attendance at least 40 min	44		91802	\$111.50
Short consultation, less than 6 minutes	*	91890	*	\$17.90
Long consultation, 6 minutes or greater	*	91891	*	\$39.10
<b>Health Assessment:</b>				
715 assessments	715	*	92004	\$220.85
<b>Nurse/AHP Follow Up:</b>				
Nurse/ AHP follow up	10987	93202	93200	\$24.95
<b>Chronic Disease Management</b>				
GP management plan, prepare	721	*	92024	\$150.10
GP team care arrangement, co-ordinate development	723	*	92025	\$118.95
GP attendance to review or coordinate a review of GP management plan or team care arrangements	732	*	92028	\$74.95
GP contribution to prepare or review a multidisciplinary care plan, prepared by another provider	729	*	92026	\$73.25
GP contribution to prepare or review a multidisciplinary	731	*	92027	\$73.25

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care plan, prepared by a provider when the patient was admitted or by a RACF				
CDM service provided by practice nurse or Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander health practitioner	10997	93203	93201	\$12.50
<b>Pregnancy Support</b>				
GP pregnancy support counselling, more than 20 min	4001	*	92136	\$79.70
<b>Mental Health</b>				
GP without mental health training, prepare a mental health plan, 20 to 40 min	2700	*	92112	\$74.60
GP without mental health training, prepare a mental health plan, more than 40 min	2701	*	92113	\$109.85
GP to review a mental health plan or Psychiatrist Assessment and management plan	2712	92126	92114	\$74.60
GP mental health consult, more than 20 min	2713	92127	92115	\$74.60
GP with mental health training, prepare a mental health plan, 20 to 40 min	2715	*	92116	\$94.75
GP with mental health training, prepare a mental health plan, more than 40 min	2717	*	92117	\$139.55
FPS treatment of 30 to 40 min	2721 & 2729	91842	91818	\$96.50
FPS treatment of more than 40 min	2725 & 2731	91843	91819	\$138.10

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Can be obtained from-

[MBS Fact sheet](#)

[MBS online](#)

### Resources

**Covid 19 GP check list** can be found at [AH&MRC](#)

**Telehealth considerations for an effective Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health check-**  
Can be found [HERE](#).

**AH&MRC COVID 19 and Telehealth information** found [HERE](#)

### Healthdirect Video Call service

MBS item numbers for telephone telehealth consultations have been reduced. Videoconference services are the preferred approach for substituting face-to-face consultations. CESPHN supports the use of the HealthDirect video call service and has funding for free licences to General Practices under COVID-19 GP Video Call Program to 31 December 2021.

Additionally there has been an extension of the Healthdirect Video Call Exemplar (Service Pilot) Program funding for free licences to non-GP type primary care services classed as Mental Health, Aged Care, Maternity, Indigenous Health and Allied Health services to 30 June 2022.

If you would like to have a Healthdirect Video call clinic set up for your practice fill in the New Clinic application form available [here](#) and return to [telehealth@cesphn.com.au](mailto:telehealth@cesphn.com.au).

### Considerations

Devices and access- ensure clients have access to device with camera and access to internet.

Be mindful of others- ask client if they have anyone else with them you may not be able to see on video. They could have or require a support person or someone else listening to conversation or to be advocate for client