

INFORMATION SHEET

Antenatal and pregnancy MBS items

GPs providing antenatal and pregnancy care may claim the following MBS items.

Source: [MBS Online Antenatal Care](#) (updated June 2025)

Item No.	Definition	Criteria
73806	Urine pregnancy test	
16500	Routine Antenatal Attendance	
16591	Management of pregnancy >28/40 (including psychosocial assessment) by shared care GP who is not planning to perform the delivery. Not claimable if Item 16590 has been provided for the same pregnancy.	Available once per pregnancy
16590	Management of pregnancy >28/40 (including psychosocial assessment) by a Provider who is planning to take primary responsibility for the management of the pregnancy and perform the delivery of a private patient. Not claimable if Item 16591 has been provided for the same pregnancy.	Available once per pregnancy
16406	Attendance by an obstetrician or GP as part of a single course of treatment when a patient is referred from a participating midwife	Available once per pregnancy
16407	4-8 weeks postnatal attendance by a GP or obstetrician, lasts at least 20 min, including mental health, drug and alcohol and DV assessment where item 82140 applies is not provided	Available once per pregnancy
16408	1-4 week postnatal attendance, lasts at least 20 min for a patient who was privately admitted for the birth where item 82130, 82135 or 82140 applies is not provided	Available once per pregnancy
4001	Non-Directive Pregnancy Support Counselling attendance of at least 20 min*	> 20 mins 3 per pregnancy

* Eligible GPs only. Eligible GPs are those that have previously undertaken credential requirements for provision of this service, i.e. online non-directive counselling training provided by RACGP. This course is available at [RACGP - GP Learning](#) – a log in is required.

Antenatal Attendance (MBS Item 16500)

General Guidelines for Co-Billing Routine Attendance

When billing item **16500** (antenatal attendance by a GP), the following [guidelines](#) apply when co-billing routine attendance item numbers such as 3, 23, 36 for conditions not directly related to pregnancy:

Documentation & Timestamping:

- Ensure the intercurrent condition is appropriately documented.
- Timestamp the condition in the patient notes.

Examples of Intercurrent Conditions:

- Concurrent viral illness
- Sprained ankle
- Pre-existing Vitamin D/iron deficiency not related to pregnancy
- Asthma management

Example: Initial Suspected Pregnancy Consult

For the initial consultation where the pregnancy is diagnosed, follow these steps:

- **Patient Presentation:**
 - The patient arrives suspecting they are pregnant.
- **History and Examination:**
 - Conduct a history and examination for more than 6 minutes.
 - Bill item **23**.
- **Urine Pregnancy Test:**
 - Perform a urine pregnancy test.
 - Bill item **73806**.
- **Antenatal Consult:**
 - Bill an antenatal consult to discuss the diagnosed pregnancy management.
 - Bill item **16500**.