

MBS items supporting a planned general practice palliative care pathway

This document uses the MBS items currently available to general practitioners to suggest a timeframe and care pathway for community patients with palliative care needs. A separate pathway is provided for [residential aged care patients \(398kb pdf\)](#)

Suggested timeframe	Medicare initiative	Activities	MBS Item	MBS Benefit 100% (as of 01/08/24)	
0 months	Over 75 years health assessment	An annual assessment of a patient's health and physical, psychological, and social function. Select relevant item based on complexity and Practice Nurse and GP time. An opportunity to initiate discussion of advance care planning or palliative care.	701 (<30 mins)	\$67.60	
			703 (30-45 mins)	\$157.10	
			705 (45-60 mins)	\$216.80	
			707 (>60 mins)	\$306.25	
2nd week	GP management plan (GPMP)	For managing terminal medical conditions by preparing, coordinating, reviewing, or contributing to chronic disease management plans. An opportunity to introduce advance care planning or to discuss palliative care.	721	\$164.35	
	Team care arrangement (TCA) coordination	Requires at least two collaborating providers, each providing a different kind of treatment (e.g., allied health services or medical practitioner).	723	\$130.25	
3rd week	GP Mental Health Treatment Plan	For preparing a mental health care plan for a patient with mental health care needs. Select relevant item depending on time and GP training.	No GP mental health training	2700 (20-40 mins)	\$81.70
				2701 (>40 mins)	\$120.25

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		As per the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-V-TR)	GP mental health training	<p>2715 (20-40 mins) \$103.70</p> <p>2717 (>40 mins) \$152.80</p>
1st month	GP-organised and coordinated multidisciplinary care conference	An opportunity for an holistic informed approach to ongoing care. Covers organising, coordinating, and participating in a case conference involving the patient, family/significant others, and a minimum of two other health providers.	739 (20-40 mins)	\$137.75
2nd month	Domiciliary Medication Management Review (DMMR)	Referral to eligible pharmacist. Ensures optimal management of patients with multiple medications and/or complexity.	900	\$176.40
4th month	Level D or E consultation	An extended consultation for the purpose of managing palliative care and end-of-life care needs, discussing goals of care, advance care planning, or for completing an Advance Care Directive based on earlier discussions.	44 (Level D: >40 mins)	\$122.15
			123 (Level E: >60 mins)	\$197.90
5th month	Review GP Mental Health Plan	4 weeks to 6 months after preparation of plan, review referral feedback and progress against goals.	2712	\$81.70
6th month	Review of GPMP or TCA	Discuss progress against goals and actions.	732	\$82.10
8th month	GP-led case conference	A real-time discussion of any changing needs and goals of care with patient, significant others, and the health care team.	735 (15-20 mins)	\$80.55
5 per year	Practice nurse care plan monitoring	Where a GPMP or TCA is in place.	10997	\$13.65

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