

MBS items supporting a planned general practice palliative care pathway in residential aged care

This document provides a suggested timeframe and pathway for aged care residents with palliative care needs based on the current MBS items available to the general practitioner.

Suggested timeframe	Medicare initiative	Activities	MBS Item	MBS Benefit 100% (as of 01/08/24)
0 months	Comprehensive medical assessment	On admission, then annually. Identify who is appointed to assist with healthcare decisions for patients who do not have capacity for palliative care discussions. Select relevant item based on complexity and PN + GP time.	701 (<30 mins)	\$67.60
			703 (30-45 mins)	\$157.10
			705 (45-60 mins)	\$216.80
			707 (>60 mins)	\$306.25
	Residential Medication Management Review (RMMR)	GP participation in a medication management review for someone in a residential aged care facility. Candidates for this review include residents for whom quality use of medicines may be an issue, or those at risk of medication misadventure due to a significant change in their condition or medication regimen.	903	\$120.80
1st month	Care plan contribution	GP contribution to a multidisciplinary care plan prepared by a residential aged care facility for managing terminal medical conditions.	731	\$80.20
2nd month	GP-organised and coordinated multidisciplinary case conference	An opportunity for an holistic informed approach to ongoing care for the resident. Should involve the resident, the resident’s significant others, the GP, and at least two other health and/or care providers.	735 (15-20 mins)	\$80.55
			739 (20-40 mins)	\$137.75
			743 (>40 mins)	\$229.65

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4th month	Long patient consultation (Level D or E)	Attendance and consultation at the residential aged care facility with 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.	90051 (Level D: 40-60 mins)	\$122.15
			90054 (Level E: >60 mins)	\$197.90
6th month	Care plan contribution	Review of the resident's multidisciplinary plan	731	\$80.20
8th month	GP-organised and coordinated multidisciplinary case conference	An opportunity for a 'real time' discussion of the resident's ongoing care involving the multidisciplinary team (GP + 2 others) and, where possible, the resident and the resident's family or significant others.	739 (20-40 mins)	\$137.75
After 12 months	Repeat comprehensive medication assessment, case conferences and care plan contributions where clinically required.		As above.	

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