



Increased Payment for GPs

MBS Item 900(Home Medicines Review) From 1 November 2009

Medicare Bulk Billing

If a General Practitioner chooses to bulk bill a patient (it is their decision and they can choose to bulk bill some patients and not others), the patient signs a Medicare claim form and the amount paid is \$143.40 (100% of Medicare Benefit Schedule – prior to 1st Jan, 2005 the amount paid was only 85% of the scheduled fee)

From the 1st November 2005 GPs have been able to claim an additional amount (Item no. 10990) for every bulk billed medical service provided to *Commonwealth Concession Card holders and to children aged under 16.*

From 1 November 2009

eg. Item 900	\$143.40
Item 10990	\$6.65 (Benefit: 85% = \$5.70)
Total	\$150.05

Department of Veterans Affairs

LMOs – Please see the DVA website for the [LMO Fee Schedule](#)

For those GPs who have registered under the LMO scheme through DVA the payment for all consultations is 115% (previously 100%) of the Medicare Benefit Schedule, plus they can claim a supplementary payment, the Veterans Access Payment (VAP), for services provided to eligible veterans and dependants. The VAP is payable under item number 10990 (\$6.65).

eg: Item 900	\$164.95
Item 10990	\$6.65
Total	\$171.60

Other General Practitioners – for other GPs who do not have LMO status the payment for consultations is 100% of the Medicare Benefit Schedule + 60 cents.

For eg: Item 900 \$144.00

IMPORTANT: If the Practice Manager is unaware of the additional item numbers the GP may miss out on the additional money. When the patient claim is submitted for payment if they are not claimed, the HIC or DVA do not notify the GP of additional amounts available.

For further information or assistance with Home Medicines reviews in your practice call Heather Pym (0401 801 123 or 9347 1188).