

## Services Provided By a Practice Nurse on Behalf of a Medical Practitioner - (Items 10993 to 10999)

### Item 10993 Immunisation services provided by a Practice Nurse

Item 10993 can only be claimed by a Medical Practitioner where an immunisation is provided to a patient by a Practice Nurse on behalf of the Medical Practitioner.

Item 10993 can be claimed only once per patient visit, even if more than one vaccine is administered during the same patient visit.

### Item 10996 Wound management services provided by a Practice Nurse

Item 10996 can only be claimed by a Medical Practitioner where wound management (other than normal aftercare) is provided to a patient by a Practice Nurse on behalf of the Medical Practitioner.

Item 10996 can be claimed only once per patient visit, even if more than one wound is treated during the same patient visit.

The Medical Practitioner does not need to be present during the treatment of the wound. However, the Medical Practitioner must conduct an initial assessment of the patient (including under a distance supervision arrangement if the Medical Practitioner is not physically present) in order to give instruction in relation to the treatment of the wound.

Where a Practice Nurse provides ongoing wound management, the Medical Practitioner is not required to see the patient during each subsequent visit.

### Pap smear services and preventive checks provided by a Practice Nurse (Item 10994, 10995, 10998 and 10999)

Items 10994 and 10995 require taking of a Pap smear **and at least one** preventive check.

Item 10994 can be claimed by a Medical Practitioner where a Pap smear **and at least one** preventive check is taken by a Practice Nurse on behalf of the Medical Practitioner.

Item 10995 can be claimed by a Medical Practitioner where a Pap smear **and at least one** preventive check is taken by a Practice Nurse on behalf of the Medical Practitioner **and** the patient is a woman, between the ages of 20 and 69 inclusive, who has not had a Pap smear in the last 4 years.

Services for items 10994 and 10995 must include a Pap smear and at least one preventive check from the following:

- Checks for sexually transmitted infections (including chlamydia)
- Taking of a sexual and reproductive history
- Advice on contraception
- Breast awareness education
- Advice on post natal issues
- Continence advice and education;

and may also include:

- Smoking, Nutrition, Alcohol and Physical Activity (SNAP) behavioural risk factor assessment
- Blood pressure measurement.

Items 10994 and 10995 cannot be claimed together or in conjunction with items 10998, 10999, 2497-2509 or 2598-2616.

Item 10998 can be claimed by a Medical Practitioner where a Pap smear is taken by a Practice Nurse

on behalf of the Medical Practitioner.

Item 10999 can be claimed by a Medical Practitioner where a Pap smear is taken by a Practice Nurse on behalf of the Medical Practitioner **and** the Pap smear is taken from a woman between the ages of 20 and 69 inclusive, who has not had a Pap smear in the last 4 years.

Items 10998 and 10999 cannot be claimed in conjunction with each other or with items 10994, 10995, 2497- 2509 or 2598 - 2616.

General practices, where nurses take Pap smears and provide preventive checks, should also have a written clinical risk management strategy covering issues like clinical roles, pathology follow-up and patient consent.

**Item 10997 Provision of monitoring and support for a person with a chronic disease by a Practice Nurse or registered Aboriginal Health Worker**

Item 10997 may be claimed by a Medical Practitioner, where a monitoring and support service for a person with a chronic disease care plan is provided by a Practice Nurse or registered Aboriginal Health Worker on behalf of that Medical Practitioner.

Item 10997 will assist patients who require access to ongoing care, routine treatment and ongoing monitoring and support between the more structured reviews of the care plan by the patient's usual GP.

Item 10997 may be used to provide:

- checks on clinical progress;
- monitoring medication compliance;
- self management advice, and;
- collection of information to support GP reviews of Care Plans.

The services provided by the Practice Nurse or Aboriginal Health Worker should be consistent with the scope of the GP Management Plan, Team Care Arrangements, or Multidisciplinary Care Plan.

Item 10997 may be claimed up to a maximum of 5 times per patient per calendar year.

Item 10997 may only be accessed by a patient with a GP Management Plan, Team Care Arrangements or Multidisciplinary Care Plan (items 721, 723, 732 , 729, 731).

Where the Practice Nurse or Aboriginal Health Worker provides another service (eg. immunisation and wound care) on the same day, the GP is able to claim for both Practice Nurse/Aboriginal Health Worker items numbers.

Where the Medical Practitioner also provides a service to the patient in addition to services being administered by the Practice Nurse, the Medical Practitioner is able to claim for the professional service they provide to the patient.

Item 10990 or item 10991 can also be claimed in conjunction services provided by Practice Nurses.