

GP Aged Care Incentive (GPACI) MBS User Guide

The General Practice in Aged Care Incentive (GPACI) provides incentive payments to general practices and general practitioners for delivering regular visits and care planning to permanent residents living in residential aged care. The incentive aims to strengthen and formalise relationships between residents and their primary care provider, or general practice.

This resource is designed to help General Practices plan the care under the GPACI and provides examples of how to use MBS items to meet the requirements of the incentive. **The following slides look at possible care planning schedules for three different provider models:**

- Responsible Providers who visit a Residential Aged Care Home (RACH) alone
- Responsible Providers who have support from alternate providers from their practice in their RACH
- Responsible Providers who have other members of their practice care team visit RACH patients.

The planning and delivery of care to a patient should centre on a patient's need, which may require the GP or care team delivering services beyond the minimum GPACI servicing requirements.

For a full explanation of each MBS item please refer to MBS online. <https://www.mbsonline.gov.au/>. The MBS items in the following examples must be billed by providers whose provider numbers are associated with the General Practice to count toward GPACI service requirements. Make sure you are meeting all legislative requirements of MBS and DVA items and ensure the delivery of services does not conflict with requirements of any other programs or legislation.

***Disclaimer:** This resource outlines examples of how General Practice can utilise GPACI MBS Items and Care to enable the incentive payments under the program. General Practices are advised that this resource does not cover all scenarios or scheduling of MBS items to meet GPACI service payments. General Practices or Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations should consider their unique model of care, team structure and business model when planning or considering the GPACI. General Practices are encouraged to refer to the GPACI Guidelines on the DHDA website for more information: <https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/gpaci>*

RESPONSIBLE PROVIDER VISITING ONLY

Quarter 1



Contribution or review of Multidisciplinary Care Plan

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MBS 703-707 **OR** MBS 224-227
Comprehensive Management Plan (CMA) -
OR DVA MT701 – 707
Health Assessment item
Item choice depend on length of assessment and type of practitioner

Quarter 2



Case Conference

MBS 235-240 **OR** MBS 735-758
Multidisciplinary Care Conference

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Quarter 3



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RESPONSIBLE PROVIDER + ALTERNATIVE PROVIDER

EG - Other GP, Prescribed medical practitioner or Nurse practitioner

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Also note, the **RESPONSIBLE PROVIDER must complete 4 of the eligible regular services** 1 per quarter across the 12-months, another GP or Nurse Practitioner can provide the other regular visits.

RESPONSIBLE PROVIDER + OTHER CARE TEAM MEMBERS

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Regular Appointment/ Visit timing by MBS Item and Practitioner

General Attendance Items	Level B 6-20minutes	Level C 20+ Minutes	Level D 40+ Minutes	Level E 60+ Minutes
RACF/RACH Visit VR GP	90035	90043	90051	90054
RACF/RACH visit *after hours - VR GP	5028	5049	5067	5077
RACH/RACH Visit Prescribed Medical Practitioner	90188	90202	90212	90215
RACH Visit Nurse Practitioner	82205	82210	82215	N/A
Practice Nurse or Aboriginal &/or Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner follow up visit RACH	10997 (Not timed)			
Non-Urgent After Hours	776/ 5028 / 5263	788/ 5049/ 5265	789/ 5067/ 5265	2200/ 5077/ 5262/ 5267

Definitions

Responsible Provider = Medical practitioner who holds an eligible specialty code, as outlined in Appendix 10.2 of the [GPACI Guidelines](#), and who for the purposes of the General Practice in Aged Care Incentive are responsible for coordinating the delivery of eligible services to an eligible patient

Prescribed Medical Practitioner = previously non vocationally registered/ OMPS

VR = Vocationally Registered General Practitioner

Other Important Notes about GPACI

Care Planning Items can be claimed on the same day or on separate visits as long as it meets the GPACI criteria of TWO Care Planning Items per annum.

MBS 731 is required to be able to bill Practice nurse/ Aboriginal &/or Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner Item MBS 10997 and required to trigger allied health appointments (chronic disease management items for Podiatry, Dietitian, Physio, Ex Phys, Occupational Therapy, etc). This GPACI MBS User Guide Strongly recommends practitioners claim this item within the first quarter to maximise the multidisciplinary team function of GPACI.

To be eligible for the 4th quarter payment a total of 8 regular visits need to be completed across 12 months (Not required to be delivered in separate calendar months). If a GP misses a quarter, they will need to make up the missed visit at another point in the 12-month period.

Link to HPE Resources for MyMedicare and GPACI can be found here: [MyMedicare - General Practice in Aged Care Incentive \(GPACI\) - Health Professional Education Resources](#)

This Resource

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