

ASTHMA CYCLE OF CARE

The Asthma 3+ Visit Plan has now been replaced with the Asthma Cycle of Care, effective 1 November, 2006.

What has changed?

The Asthma Cycle of Care can now be completed over 12 months instead of 4 months.

The Asthma Cycle of Care can be delivered in 2 visits instead of 3.

The Service Incentive Payment (SIP) can be claimed on the second visit provided the requirements of the Asthma Cycle of Care have been completed.

Patient eligibility:

Patients with moderate to severe asthma whose asthma management could be improved in the opinion of the Doctor.

At a minimum, the Asthma Cycle of Care must include:

- At least **2 asthma** related consultations within 12 months for a patient with ***moderate to severe asthma*** (at least 1 of which (the review consultation) is a consultation that was planned at a previous consultation);
- Documented **diagnosis and assessment** of level of asthma **control and severity** of asthma;
- Review of the patient's **use of** and **access to asthma-related medication** and **devices**;
- Provision to the patient of a **written asthma action plan** (if the patient is unable to use a written asthma action plan, discussion with the patient about an alternative method of providing a plan, and documentation of the discussion in the patients medical records);
- Provision of **asthma self-management education** to the patient; and
- Review of the **written or documented asthma action plan**.

Use of MBS items:

All visits should be billed under the normal attendance items with the exception of the visit that completes all of the minimum requirements of the Asthma Cycle of Care.

The below item numbers should be used in place of the usual attendance item when a consultation completes the requirements of the Asthma Cycle of Care – this will initiate the payment of a Service Incentive payment (SIP) through the PIP program in addition to attracting a Medicare rebate.

The items are payable **once only** for the completion of the Asthma Cycle of Care for each eligible patient per 12 month period, unless a further Asthma Cycle of Care is clinically indicated by exceptional circumstances.

Type of consultation	Consult length	Item Numbers	Scheduled Fee
Level B Surgery consultation	< 20 minutes	2546 (VR registered)	\$32.80
<i>Standard consultation</i>	<i>> 5 minutes but not more than 25 minutes</i>	<i>2664 (Non-VR registered)</i>	<i>\$21.00</i>
Level C surgery consultation	20 – 39 minutes	2552 (VR registered)	\$62.30
<i>Long consultation</i>	<i>> 25 minutes but not more than 45 minutes</i>	<i>2666 (Non-VR registered)</i>	<i>\$38.00</i>
Level D surgery consultation	> 39 minutes	2558 (VR registered)	\$91.70
<i>Prolonged consultation</i>	<i>> 45 minutes</i>	<i>2668 (Non-VR registered)</i>	<i>\$61.00</i>

For further information please call the PIP Enquiry Line on 1800 222 032.