

Business cases for health assessments | What might work best for your practice (post 1st May 2010)?

Example 1 | *Healthy Kids Check Health Assessment*

4 year old child presents with their parent/guardian for a Healthy kids check and the four year old immunisation. Informed consent is obtained to perform healthy kids check and to receive the immunisation.

Scenario 1: Entire Healthy Kids Check completed by a practice nurse or a registered Aboriginal health worker (no input by GP)

The Healthy Kids Check is undertaken on behalf of a medical practitioner, by a practice nurse or a registered Aboriginal health worker who also provides the publication 'Get Set 4 Life – habits for healthy kids' to the parents. The GP is only required to see the child prior to the immunisation being administered, as the immunisation must be given prior to the Healthy Kids Check, or on the same day.

Item number	Description	Note	Dollar value
10986	Healthy Kids Check completed by a practice nurse or a registered Aboriginal health worker		\$55.00 (Regardless of time required to perform check)
10990	Bulk billed service provided to a child		\$5.70
10993	Immunisation given by a nurse		\$11.35
10990	Bulk billed service provided to a child		\$5.70
23	Standard consult	Separate consult clinically required	\$34.30
10990	Bulk billed service provided to a child		\$5.70
*23	Standard consult	(Item claimed by GP for other patient seen in this timeframe)	\$34.30
*23	Standard consult	(Item claimed by GP for other patient seen in this timeframe)	\$34.30
Total			\$117.75 (+ \$68.60 = \$186.35)

*In the time during which the patient is seen by the Nurse (45 mins) the GP is able to see another patient and bill additional item number/s.

Scenario 2: Healthy Kids Check completed by both GP and Practice Nurse

The patient is seen by the nurse for 30 mins. The nurse completes several components including; collecting height, weight, eyesight, and the collection and documentation of patient information, specifically the child's social and family history. The child is then seen by the GP for 30 mins to complete the Healthy Kids Check Health Assessment and to go through the 'Get Set 4 Life – habits for healthy kids' publication, also providing a copy to the child's parent/guardian. The doctor then documents the need for the 4 year old immunisation to which the nurse can then administer.

With the assessment complete and the immunisation administered the billing would be as follows.

Item number	Description	Note	Dollar value
10993	Immunisation given by a nurse		\$11.35
10990	Bulk billed service provided to a child		\$5.70
10990	Bulk billed service provided to a child		\$5.70
705	Long Health assessment	Healthy Kids Check	\$176.30
*23	Standard consult	Additional Item claimed while patient is with nurse	\$34.30
Total			\$199.05 (+ \$34.30 = \$233.35)

30 mins with the nurse + the GP's 30 mins = 60 mins. This equates to a long Health Assessment MBS Item 705

*In the time during which the patient is seen by the Nurse (30 mins) the GP is able to see another patient and bill additional item number/s.

Scenario 3: Entire Healthy Kids Check completed by GP

The patient is seen by the GP who performs all components of the Healthy Kids Check including height, weight, eyesight, and collecting and documenting patient information including child's social and family history. GP also provides explanation and a copy of the 'Get Set 4 Life – habits for healthy kids' publication to the parent/guardian. The GP then documents the need for the 4 year old immunisation and administers. This full Health Assessment takes 60 mins.

With the assessment complete and the immunisation given, the billing would be as follows.

Item number	Description	Note	Dollar value
10990	Bulk billed service provided to a child		\$5.70
705	Long Health assessment	Healthy Kids Check	\$176.30
Total			\$182.00

GP sees the patient for 60 mins. This equates to a long Health Assessment MBS Item 705

Example 2 | 75 year old patient requiring a Health Assessment.

Health Assessment provided for people aged 75 years and older

Scenario 1: Health Assessment performed by a Travelling Practice Nurse

The nurse drives out to the patient's house to perform the Health Assessment. Travel time = 15 mins.

The nurse then spends 40 minutes conducting a detailed assessment and collecting the patient's history. The patient's carer is present.

The nurse returns to the clinic. Travel time = 15 mins

The patient then sees the GP in the clinic for 22mins and completes the Health Assessment criteria, including a comprehensive preventative health care plan, covering falls prevention and other health related concerns.

Billing would be as follows:

Item number	Description	Note	Dollar value
10990	Bulk billed service provided to a Pensioner		\$5.70
707	Prolonged Health assessment	75 year old health assessment	\$249.10
*23	Standard consult	Additional Item claimed while patient is with nurse	\$34.30
*23	Standard consult	Additional Item claimed while patient is with nurse	\$34.30
<i>You are not permitted to include travel time in the total Health Assessment time. Only time spent with the patient. On –top compensation for the Nurse's time and travel expenses must also be taken into account</i>			
Total			\$254.80

40 mins with the nurse (**Travel time not included**) + the GP's 22 mins = 62 mins. This equates to a prolonged Health Assessment MBS Item 707 (practice must take into consideration the cost of total nurse hours, including travel time, fuel reimbursement etc).

**Whilst a patient is being seen by the nurse (40 mins) the GP is able to see another patient and bill additional item number/s.*

Scenario 2: Health Assessment performed by a nurse in Practice

The nurse spends 30 mins conducting a detailed assessment and collecting the patient's history. The patient's carer is present.

The patient then sees the GP for 20 mins and completes the Health Assessment criteria, including a comprehensive preventative health care plan, covering falls prevention and other health related concerns.

Billing would be as follows:

Item number	Description	Note	Dollar value
10990	Bulk billed service provided to a Pensioner		\$5.70
705	Long Health assessment	75 year old health assessment	\$176.30
*23	Standard consult	Additional Item claimed while patient is with nurse	\$34.30
Total			\$216.30

30 mins with the nurse + the GP's 20 mins = 50 mins. This equates to a Long Health Assessment MBS Item 705

*Whilst a patient is being seen by the nurse (30 mins) the GP is able to see another patient and bill additional item number/s

Scenario 3: Health Assessment performed by a GP

The patient sees the GP in the clinic for 62 mins to perform and complete the Health Assessment. This includes a comprehensive preventative health care plan, covering falls prevention and other health related concerns.

Billing would be as follows:

Item number	Description	Note	Dollar value
10990	Bulk billed service provided to a Pensioner		\$5.70
707	Prolonged Health assessment	75 year old health assessment	\$249.10
Total			\$254.80

GP sees patient for 62 mins. This equates to a prolonged Health Assessment MBS Item 707