

## QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

The table below is a quick reference guide to MBS item number changes:

Item name/category	Old item numbers	New item numbers
Health assessments	700, 702, 709, 712, 713, 714, 716, 717, 718, 719	701, 703, 705, 707
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people Health assessment	704, 706, 708, 710	715
Health assessment provided by a practice nurse or registered Aboriginal health worker (Healthy Kids Check)	711	10986

### Brief Health Assessment (Item 701)

A brief health assessment is used to undertake simple health assessments. The health assessment should take less than 30 minutes to complete

### Standard Health Assessment (Item 703)

A standard health assessment is used for straight forward assessments where the patient does not present with complex health issues but may require more attention than can be provided in a brief assessment. The assessment lasts more than 30 minutes but takes less than 45 minutes.

### Long Health Assessment (Item 705)

A long health assessment is used for an extensive assessment, where the patient has a range of health issues that require more in-depth consideration, and longer term strategies for managing the patient's health may be necessary. The assessment lasts more than 45 minutes but less than 60 minutes.

### Prolonged Health Assessments (Item 707)

A prolonged health assessment is used for a complex assessment of a patient with significant, long-term health needs that need to be managed through a comprehensive preventive health care plan. The assessment takes 60 minutes or more to complete.

Target Group	Frequency of Service
A Healthy Kids check for children aged at least 3 years and less than 5 years of age, who have received or who are receiving their 4 year old immunisation	Once only to an eligible patient
A Type 2 diabetes risk evaluation for people aged 40-49 years (inclusive) with high risk of developing type 2 diabetes as determined by the Australian Type 2 Diabetes Risk Assessment Tool	Once every 3 years to an eligible patient
A health assessment for people aged 45-49 years (inclusive) who are at risk of developing chronic disease	Once only to an eligible patient
A health assessment for people aged 75 years and over	Provided annually to an eligible patient
A comprehensive medical assessment for permanent residents of residential aged care facilities	Provided annually to an eligible patient
A health assessment for people with intellectual disability	Provided annually to an eligible patient
A health assessment for refugees and other humanitarian entrants	Once only to an eligible patient

Item name/category	Old item numbers	New item numbers
Other non-referred attendances out of consulting rooms - Brief	4, 13, 19	4
Other non-referred attendances out of consulting rooms - Standard	24, 25, 33	24
Other non-referred attendances out of consulting rooms - Long	37, 38, 40	37
Other non-referred attendances out of consulting rooms - Prolonged	47, 48, 50	47
Other non referred attendances urgent attendance - after hours	1, 2, 603	597
Other non referred attendances urgent attendance - unsociable hours	601, 602	599
Chronic Disease Management	725, 727	732
GP Multidisciplinary Case Conference	734-779	735, 739, 743, 747, 750, 758
Other non-referred non urgent after hours attendances	5003, 5007	5003
	5023, 5026	5023
	5043, 5046	5043
	5063, 5064	5063

**Source:** The Changes to Medicare Primary Care Items, Department of Health and Ageing

**Further Information:**

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/mbsonline/publishing.nsf/Content/Medicare-Benefits-Schedule-MBS-1>

<http://www.health.gov.au/mbsprimarycareitems>

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mbsprimarycare-chronicdiseasemanagement>

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