

**Supplementary material**

**Variations in out-of-pocket costs for primary care services across Australia: a regional analysis**

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**Table S1. Classification of health service use by Medicare Benefit Schedule (MBS) groups**

GP, general practitioner; PIP, Practice Incentives Program; VR, vocational register

MBS reporting group description	MBS groups, subgroups and items within each reporting classification	MBS group descriptions
Level A VR consultation item 3	A01(3)	A1 – GP attendances to which no other item applies (consultation at consulting rooms)
Level B VR consultation item 23	A01(23)	A1 – GP attendances to which no other item applies (consultation at consulting rooms)
Level C VR consultation item 36	A02(36)	A2 – other non-referred attendances to which no other item applies
Level D VR consultation item 44	A02(44)	A2 – other non-referred attendances to which no other item applies
GP attendances (other VR and non-VR)	A01	A1 – GP attendances to which no other item applies (consultation at consulting rooms)
	A02	A2 – other non-referred attendances to which no other item applies
GP after hours or emergency attendance	A11	A11 – urgent attendance after hours
	A22	A22 – GP after-hours attendances to which no other item applies
	A23	A23 – other non-referred after-hours attendances to which no other item applies
GP mental health	A20	A20 – GP mental health treatment
GP chronic disease	A15	A15 – GP management plans, team care arrangements, multidisciplinary care plan
Other GP attendances	A17	A17 – domiciliary and residential management reviews
	A18	A18 – GP attendance associated with PIP incentive payments
	A19	A19 – other non-referred attendances associated with pip incentive payments to which no other item applies
	A25	
GP health assessments	A14	A14 – health assessments
Other primary care attendances	A05	A5 – prolonged attendances to which no other item applies
	A06	A6 – group therapy
	A07	A7 – acupuncture
Early intervention or children with disabilities	A29	A29 – early intervention services for children with autism, pervasive developmental disorder or disability
Practice nurse or Aboriginal health worker	M02	
	M12(03)	M12 – services provided by a practice nurse or aboriginal and Torres Strait islander health practitioner on behalf of a medical practitioner
Nurse practitioners	M14(01)	M14 – nurse practitioners
Allied Mental Health	M06	M6 – psychological therapy services

MBS reporting group description	MBS groups, subgroups and items within each reporting classification	MBS group descriptions
Allied Health	M07	M7 – focussed psychological strategies (Allied Mental Health)
	M03	M3 – Allied Health Services
	M08	M8 – pregnancy support counselling
	M09	M9 – Allied Health Group services
	M10	M10 – autism, pervasive developmental disorder and disability services
Optometry	M15	M15 – diagnostic audiology services
	A09	A9 – contact lenses – attendances
Telehealth	A10	A10 – optometrical services
	A03(99)	A3 – specialist attendances to which no other item applies
	A04(112)	A4 – consultant physician attendances to which no other item applies
	A08(288)	A8 – consultant psychiatrist attendances to which no other item applies
	A12(389)	A12 – consultant occupational physician attendances to which no other item applies
	A26(6016)	A26 – neurosurgery attendances to which no other item applies
	A28(149)	A28 – geriatric medicine
	A30	A30 – medical practitioner (including a GP, specialist or consultant physician) telehealth attendances
	M1201	M12 – services provided by a practice nurse or Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander health practitioner on behalf of a medical practitioner
	M1202	
	M1302	M13 – midwifery services
	M1402	M14 – nurse practitioners
	M1403	
	T01(13210)	T1 – miscellaneous therapeutic procedures
T04(16399)	T4 – obstetrics	