# Quick Reference Guide - COVID-19 Temporary MBS Telehealth Services for private patients receiving specialist care in-hospital

**The new MBS telehealth specialist items apply from 15 September 2021 where:**

* + A private patient has been admitted to hospital; and
  + The admitting specialist medical practitioner, at the time the attendance is provided, is:
* located in an area determined by the Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer to be a COVID-19 hotspot; or
* required to isolate because of a State or Territory COVID-19 public health order; or
* required to be in quarantine because of a State or Territory COVID-19 public health order.

The listing of COVID-19 hotspots by the Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer can be found at the Department’s website [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au) and by searching COVID-19 hot spots.

**MBS rebate:**

* + The new inpatient telehealth items attract a Medicare rebate of 85% of the MBS Schedule Fee.
  + Private health insurance benefits are not payable for these telehealth attendances.
  + Out of pocket costs for the new items will count towards the patient’s Medicare Safety Nets (original and extended).
  + The fee structure for the new items aligns with equivalent face-to-face items and existing COVID-19 telehealth specialist items introduced from March 2020.

*Table 1. Specialist services*

| **Service** | **Equivalent face-to-face Items**  *(consulting room / in hospital)* | **In-patient**  **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **In-patient Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* | **MBS Fee**  **In-patient Video and Phone** | **MBS Rebate**  **(85%)**  **In-patient Video and Phone** |
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| Specialist. Initial attendance | 104 | 91846\* | 91848\* | $90.35 | $76.80 |
| Specialist. Subsequent attendance | 105 | 91847\* | 91849\* | $45.40 | $38.60 |

\*For all specialties that have an existing arrangement to access consultations at the specialist rate.

*Table 2. Consultant Physician services*

| **Service** | **Equivalent face-to-face Items**  *(consulting room / in hospital)* | **In-patient**  **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **In-patient Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* | **MBS Fee**  **In-patient Video and Phone** | **MBS Rebate (85%)**  **In-patient Video and Phone** |
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| Consultant physician. Initial attendance | 110 | 92471\*\* | 92425\*\* | $159.35 | $135.45 |
| Consultant physician. Subsequent attendance | 116 | 92472\*\* | 92426\*\* | $79.75 | $67.80 |
| Consultant physician. Minor attendance | 119 | 92473\*\* | 92427\*\* | $45.40 | $38.60 |

\*\*For all specialties that have an existing arrangement to access consultations at the consultant physician rate.

*Table 3. Consultant Psychiatrist services*

| **Service** | **Equivalent face-to-face Items**  *(consulting room / in hospital)* | **In-patient**  **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **In-patient Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* | **MBS Fee**  **In-patient Video and Phone** | **MBS Rebate**  **(85%)**  **In-patient Video and Phone** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Consultant psychiatrist, attendance, new patient (or has not received attendance in preceding 24 mths), more than 45 minutes | 296 / 297 | 92466 | 92506 | $274.95 | $233.75 |
| Consultant psychiatrist. Consultation, not more than 15 minutes | 300 / 320 | 92461 | 92501 | $45.75 | $38.90 |
| Consultant psychiatrist. Consultation, 15 to 30 minutes | 302 /322 | 92462 | 92502 | $91.30 | $77.65 |
| Consultant psychiatrist. Consultation, 30 to 45 minutes | 304 / 324 | 92463 | 92503 | $140.55 | $119.50 |
| Consultant psychiatrist. Consultation, 45 to 75 minutes | 306 / 326 | 92464 | 92504 | $194.00 | $164.90 |
| Consultant psychiatrist. Consultation, more than 75 minutes | 308 / 328 | 92465 | 92505 | $225.10 | $191.35 |

*Table 4. Public Health Physician services*

| **Service** | **Equivalent face-to-face Items**  *(consulting room / in hospital)* | **In-patient**  **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **In-patient Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* | **MBS Fee**  **In-patient Video and Phone** | **MBS Rebate**  **(85%)**  **In-patient Video and Phone** |
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| Public health physician, level A attendance | 410 | 92517 | 92525 | $20.65 | $17.60 |
| Public health physician, level B attendance, less than 20 minutes | 411 | 92518 | 92526 | $45.15 | $38.40 |
| Public health physician, level C attendance, at least 20 minutes | 412 | 92519 | 92527 | $87.35 | $74.25 |
| Public health physician, level D attendance, at least 40 minutes | 413 | 92520 | 92528 | $128.60 | $109.35 |

*Table 5. Neurosurgery services*

| **Service** | **Equivalent face-to-face Items**  *(consulting room / in hospital)* | **In-patient**  **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **In-patient Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* | **MBS Fee**  **In-patient Video and Phone** | **MBS Rebate**  **(85%)**  **In-patient Video and Phone** |
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| Neurosurgeon, initial attendance | 6007 | 92615 | 92625 | $136.85 | $116.35 |
| Neurosurgeon, minor attendance | 6009 | 92616 | 92626 | $45.40 | $38.60 |

*Table 6. Anaesthesia services*

| **Service** | **Equivalent face-to-face Items**  *(consulting room / in hospital)* | **In-patient**  **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **In-patient Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* | **MBS Fee**  **In-patient Video and Phone** | **MBS Rebate**  **(85%)**  **In-patient Video and Phone** |
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| Anaesthetist, professional attendance, advanced or complex | 17615 | 92702 | 92713 | $90.35 | $76.80 |

Table 7. Oral and maxillofacial surgical services

| **Service** | **Equivalent face-to-face Items**  *(consulting room / in hospital)* | **In-patient**  **Telehealth items** *via video-conference* | **In-patient Telephone items** *– for when video-conferencing is not available* | **MBS Fee**  **In-patient Video and Phone** | **MBS Rebate**  **(85%)**  **In-patient Video and Phone** |
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| Dental practitioner (oral and maxillofacial surgery only), initial attendance | 51700 | 54006 | 54011 | $89.00 | $75.65 |
| Dental practitioner (oral and maxillofacial surgery only), subsequent attendance | 51703 | 54007 | 54012 | $44.75 | $38.05 |