

After Hours Medicare Revenue PHC Remote Cheat Sheet

Note: For full descriptions of these items, and the full list of skin lesions, excisions and biopsy items please refer to the MBS <http://www.mbsonline.gov.au>.

GROUP A1 - Vocationally Registered

Prolonged Attendance in Treatment of a Critical Condition

These items can be claimed at any time of the day, and on any day of the week.

- The patient must be in imminent danger of death;
- One or more medical practitioners can claim these items for simultaneous attendance on one patient; and
- The time spent by the practitioner does not have to be continuous.

Item No	Item Name – Short	MBS Benefit
160	CRITICAL CONDITION, prolonged attendance in treatment of 1-2HR	\$ 221.50
161	CRITICAL CONDITION, prolonged attendance in treatment of 2-3HR	\$ 369.15
162	CRITICAL CONDITION, prolonged attendance in treatment of 3-4HR	\$ 516.65
163	CRITICAL CONDITION, prolonged attendance in treatment of 4-5HR	\$ 664.55
164	CRITICAL CONDITION, prolonged attendance in treatment of >5HR	\$ 738.40

Medicare classifies clinic hours as 8am-6pm Monday to Friday, and 8am-12noon Saturday.

Use the table below to determine which item number is applicable after-hours:

Type of Attendance	Start time of Attendance			Item Number	MBS Benefit
	Monday to Friday	Saturday	Sunday & Public Holidays		
Urgent attendance – after hours	7am – 8am, or 6pm – 11pm	7am – 8am, or 12noon – 11pm	7am – 11pm	597	\$ 129.80
Urgent attendance – unsociable hours	11pm – 7am	11pm – 7am	11pm – 7am	599	\$ 153.00
Non-urgent after hours at consulting rooms	6pm – 8pm			3, 23, 36 or 44	See tables over page
	Before 8am, or After 8pm	Before 8am, or After 1pm	All day	5000, 5020, 5040 or 5060	
Non-urgent after hours at a place other than consulting rooms	Before 8am, or After 6pm	Before 8am, or After 12 noon	All day	5003, 5010, 5023 or 5028	

URGENT ATTENDANCE AFTER-HOURS

- These items can only be used for the first patient, if more than one patient is seen on the one occasion. For the second and subsequent patients attending on the same occasion, standard (non-urgent) after-hours items apply. If two patients are seen on the same day but at different times, then this must be noted on the Medicare claim “separate call-outs”.
- The urgent after-hours items can only be used where the patient has a medical condition that requires urgent treatment, which could not be delayed until the next in-hours period.
- For consultations at the health centre, it is necessary for the practitioner to return to, and specially open the consulting rooms for the attendance.
- For times and days these items apply, see table above.

NON-URGENT AFTER-HOURS ATTENDANCES

- These items are for medical services that are rendered after-hours in a consulting room, home, residential aged care facility, or institution (not hospital).
- Urgent attendance after-hours items (above) can only be used for the first patient, if more than one patient is seen on the one occasion. For the second and subsequent patients attending on the same occasion, standard after-hours items apply (see table over page).
- For times and days these items apply, see table above.

Below are the descriptions of consultation levels for GROUP A1 doctors:

LEVEL A	Obvious and straightforward cases that should be reflected in the practitioner's records. In this context, the practitioner should undertake the necessary examination of the affected part if required, and note the action taken.	LEVEL B	less than 20 minutes (see description left)
LEVELS B,C & D	For cases that are not obvious or straightforward in relation to one or more health related issues. The medical practitioner may undertake all or some of the tasks set out in the item descriptor as clinically relevant, and this should be reflected in the practitioner's record.	LEVEL C	at least 20 minutes (see description left)
		LEVEL D	at least 40 minutes (see description left)

Non-Urgent After Hours at the Consulting Rooms

Type of Attendance	Start time of Attendance			Item Number
	Monday to Friday	Saturday	Sunday & Public Holidays	
Non-urgent after hours at consulting rooms	6pm – 8pm			3, 23, 36 or 44
	Before 8am, or After 8pm	Before 8am, or After 1pm	All day	5000, 5020, 5040 or 5060

	Item	Benefit
LEVEL A	3	\$ 16.95
LEVEL B >10 minutes	23	\$ 37.05
LEVEL C >20 minutes	36	\$ 71.70
LEVEL D >40 minutes	44	\$ 105.55

	Item	Benefit
LEVEL A	5000	\$ 29.00
LEVEL B >10 minutes	5020	\$ 49.00
LEVEL C >20 minutes	5040	\$ 83.95
LEVEL D >40 minutes	5060	\$ 117.75

Non-Urgent After Hours at a place other than the consulting rooms

Type of Attendance	Start time of Attendance			Item Number
	Monday to Friday	Saturday	Sunday & Public Holidays	
Non-urgent after hours at a place other than consulting rooms	Before 8am, or After 6pm	Before 8am, or After 12 noon	All day	5003, 5010, 5023 or 5028

	LEVEL A	LEVEL B	LEVEL C	LEVEL D
	>10 minutes	>20 minutes	>40 minutes	
No of PATIENTS	Item 5003	Item 5023	Item 5043	Item 5063
ONE	\$ 54.95	\$ 74.95	\$ 109.90	\$ 143.70
TWO	\$ 41.95	\$ 61.95	\$ 96.90	\$ 130.70
THREE	\$ 37.65	\$ 57.65	\$ 92.60	\$ 126.40
FOUR	\$ 35.50	\$ 55.50	\$ 90.45	\$ 124.25
FIVE	\$ 34.20	\$ 54.20	\$ 89.15	\$ 122.95
SIX	\$ 33.30	\$ 53.30	\$ 88.25	\$ 122.05
SEVEN+	\$ 31.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 85.95	\$ 119.75

Note: Aged care facilities in remote communities in the Northern Territory are not recognised as such by the Department of Health and Aging. Therefore, if a doctor attends a client in a remote community aged care facility, the item to claim is a home visit (at a place other than a consulting room).

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