

Novel Coronavirus

(COVID-19 also known as 2019-nCoV)

Mental Health Service Providers COVID-19 Telehealth Items

**Video and phone
MBS items MUST
be bulk-billed**

As part of the Australian Government's response to COVID-19, new telehealth items have been introduced for mental health providers to ensure continued access to essential mental health services for all Australians.

- A service may only be provided by telehealth where it is safe and clinically appropriate to do so.
- The new temporary MBS telehealth items must be bulk billed and are for non-admitted patients.

The new items include psychological therapy items for clinical psychologist services and a range of Focused Psychological Strategies items for psychologists, occupational therapists or social workers.

Videoconference services are the preferred approach but phone may be used if video is not available.

Patients can verbally consent to their service being bulk-billed.

The full item descriptor(s) and information on other changes to the MBS can be found on the MBS Online website at www.mbsonline.gov.au or email COVIDResponse@health.gov.au for COVID related enquiries or askMBS@health.gov.au for general enquiries. **Visit www.ncphn.org.au/COVID-19-telehealth**

Service	Existing Items current video items Geographic restrictions apply	Video Geographic restrictions donot apply	Phone Geographic restrictions do not apply	85%
Clinical Psychologists				
Attendance lasting more than 30 minutes but less than 50 minutes	80001	91166	91181	\$ 86.15
Attendance lasting at least 50 minutes	80011	91167	91182	\$ 126.50
Psychologists				
Attendance lasting more than 20 minutes but less than 50 minutes	80101	91169	91183	\$ 61.05
Attendance lasting at least 50 minutes	80111	91170	91184	\$ 86.15
Occupational Therapists				
Attendance lasting more than 20 minutes but less than 50 minutes	80126	91172	91185	\$ 53.80
Attendance lasting at least 50 minutes	80136	91173	91186	\$ 75.95
Social Workers				
Attendance lasting more than 20 minutes but less than 50 minutes	80151	91175	91187	\$ 53.80
Attendance lasting at least 50 minutes	80161	91176	91188	\$ 75.95