

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific MBS items

Item	Description	Patient Eligibility	Frequency	Explanatory Notes
715	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Assessment.	For the purpose of this item, a person is an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person if they identify themselves, or their parent or carer identifies them as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.	Maximum frequency is every 9 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covers the full age spectrum, and should be used for the following age groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> children who are less than 15 years people aged between 15 and 54 years older people who are aged 55 years and over. An assessment of the patient's health, including their physical, psychological and social wellbeing. It also assesses what preventive health care, education and other assistance should be offered. Aim is to help ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people receive primary health care matched to their needs, by encouraging early detection, diagnosis and intervention for common and treatable conditions that cause morbidity and early mortality. Should generally be undertaken by the patient's 'usual doctor'. Practice nurses and Aboriginal Health Practitioners (AHP) may assist GPs in performing a health assessment, in accordance with accepted medical practice and under the supervision of the GP. Further information can be found at: MBS Item 715 Fact Sheet.
10987	Follow up health services provided by a Practice Nurse or Aboriginal Health Practitioner for an Indigenous Person who has received a Health Assessment.	A patient who has received a Health Assessment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (MBS item 715).	Up to 10 services per calendar year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can be used to provide examinations/interventions, education regarding medication compliance, checks on clinical progress and service access, lifestyle advice, etc. Further information can be found at: MBS Item 10987 Fact Sheet.
81300–81360	Follow up Allied Health Services for people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent.	A patient who has been referred from their GP following a Health Assessment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (MBS item 715).	Up to 5 services per calendar year*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GP must use an approved Referral Form. A total of five services can be provided, either by one allied health professional (eg five physiotherapy services) or a combination of allied health professionals (eg two physiotherapy, one podiatry and two psychology). Eligible allied health professionals must be registered with Medicare.[†] Further information can be found at: MBS Items 81300–81360 Fact Sheet.

*In addition to the five individual allied health services for patients with a chronic medical condition and complex care needs who are on a GPMP (item 721) and TCA (item 723).

[†]Eligible allied health providers who can register with Medicare include the following disciplines: Aboriginal health worker, diabetes educator, audiologist, exercise physiologist, dietitian, mental health worker, occupational therapist, physiotherapist, podiatrist, chiropractor, osteopath, psychologist, and speech pathologist.

Care Coordination and Supplementary Services

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a chronic condition and complex care needs, please consider referral to the Coordinated Care and Supplementary Services (CCSS) Program funded under the Commonwealth Closing the Gap Program.