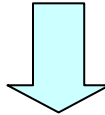


Allied Health Group Services Items for Patients with Type 2 Diabetes from 1 May 2007

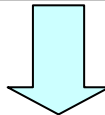
Requirements for eligibility:

- Patient must have Type 2 Diabetes
- Patient must have had
 - GPMP and TCA
 - OR Review of GPMP and TCA
 - OR contribution to a care plan in a Residential Aged Care Facility



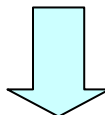
Consultation and Referral

- Consultation between General Practitioner and Patient
- Patient is referred to Allied Health Professional for assessment using [Referral form for Allied Group Sessions](#) (see website link page 2)



Assessment & Recommendations

- Assessment by Allied Health Professional (AHP), Diabetes Educator, Exercise Physiologist or Dietitian
- AHP findings and recommendations are sent to the patient's GP
- AHP directs patient to book in for group sessions



Report

- Patient attends group sessions
- The AHP running the group sessions sends written report back to GP

Requirements for Eligibility:

Patients must have:

- Type 2 diabetes
- Must have a current GPMP#721 and TCA#723, **OR** Review GPMP#723 and Review of a TCA #725 **OR** a Care plan for a resident in an Aged Care Facility #731
- Be referred by their GP to the eligible* AHP for assessment for group services

Step 1: Consultation with General Practitioner

1. Ask the patient if they receive this service elsewhere. If in doubt the patient should call Medicare Australia 132 0111
2. GP explains the process and likely cost.
3. GP documents consent.
4. GP completes a GP Management Plan (or uses existing GPMP) for a patient with Type 2 Diabetes. Allied Health Group sessions are for patients who would benefit from group services provided by eligible diabetes educator, exercise physiologist and /or dietitian.
5. Patient only requires a Team Care Arrangement #723 if they are also going to access individual allied health professionals visits. In other cases an existing GPMP #721 is sufficient and the EPC Referral Form for group Allied Health Professionals services.
6. GP claims GPMP #721 and, if applicable, TCA #723
7. Patient is referred to appropriate allied health professionals.

Step 2 Allied Health Assessment Service

Item #81100: Diabetes Educator; #81110: Exercise Physiologist; and #81120: Dietitian \$61.30
One assessment for group services per calendar year.

Requirements

- The assessment must be conducted by an eligible* diabetes educator, exercise physiologist or dietitian on referral from a GP.
- The assessment must be provided to an individual person.
- Assessment components:
 - Take a comprehensive patient history
 - Identify individual goals, and
 - Prepare the patient for appropriate group service program and identify any persons who may be unsuitable.
- The assessment must be at least 45 minutes in duration.
- Patient takes the [Referral form for Allied Group Sessions](#)[†] to the AHP.
 - AHP undertakes the assessment, identifies an appropriate group services program and prepares the patient for that program.
 - Patient is directed by the AHP to the group services program and patient books for the program.
 - AHP bills the assessment item (81100, 81110, and 81120) and provides a written report back to the GP-including assessment and the group program to be provided for the patient.

* AHP registered with Medicare Australia to provide services under items 81100 to 81125.

[†] Referral form for Allied Group Sessions is at

[http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/F63A917A7747E30ECA2573A0007FC3BF/\\$File/Referral%20form%20-%20Group%20-%20April%2007.pdf](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/F63A917A7747E30ECA2573A0007FC3BF/$File/Referral%20form%20-%20Group%20-%20April%2007.pdf)

- GP must lodge a claim with Medicare Australia for item #81100, #81110 or #81120 and receive payment otherwise Medicare Australia will not be able to pay a rebate for the group services.

Step 3 Allied Health Group Services

Item #81105, #81115 and #81125 \$15.30 per patient.

Eight group services per calendar year

Requirements for patient eligibility:

- Patient is assessed as suitable participate in group services
- Group size has to be 2-12 persons
- Attendance record must be kept
- Sessions must be 60 minutes in duration
- The patient is billed after each service.
- AHP submits a written report back to the GP about the services provided for that patient.

More information

- Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) 02 6289 4297 www.health.gov.au/epc
- Information-Medicare Benefits Schedule www.health.gov.au/mbsonline
- **Referral forms** for allied health group services can be downloaded from www.health.gov.au/epc, phoning 02 6289 4297 or faxing 02 6289 7120.