

Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items for Social Workers

To become a Medicare Provider, a Social Worker must first have been assessed by the AASW as meeting the requirements for Accreditation as a Mental Health Social Worker (AMHSW). AMHSWs can then utilise the below item numbers unless otherwise specified.

Better Access to Mental Health Care initiative

Individual sessions of Focused Psychological Strategies provided by a social worker.

MBS item number	Service length	Schedule fee	Rebate
80150	20-50 minutes	\$62.25	\$52.95
80155	20-50 minutes (professional attendance at place other than consulting rooms)	\$87.70	\$74.55
80160	50+ minutes	\$87.95	\$74.80
80165	50+ minutes (professional attendance at place other than consulting rooms)	\$113.35	\$96.35

Group sessions of Focused Psychological Strategies provided by a social worker

MBS item number	Service length	Schedule fee	Rebate
80170	60 minutes (6-10 people)	\$22.35 per group member	\$19.00 per group member

Chronic Disease Management program (GP Management Plan & Team Care Arrangements)

MBS item number	Service length	Schedule fee	Rebate
10956	At least 20 minutes	\$62.25	\$52.95

Non Directive Pregnancy Support Counselling Service

To be eligible to provide this service, the Social Worker must complete specific training through Australian Psychological Society. AMHSW status is not required.

MBS item number	Service length	Schedule fee	Rebate
81005	Maximum of 3 sessions per patient. Session duration must be minimum of 30 minutes	\$73.15	\$62.20

The above listed Medicare Benefits Schedule rates were set on the 1 November 2012 and it is anticipated that the next change, based on budget announcements will be 1 July 2016.