

Schedule of Fees Information

In most cases, reasonable treatment and services under the Pilot will include consultation with the employee's General Practitioner, the cost of prescription medication and consultations with a psychologist and/or psychiatrist. The fee schedule for these services is provided below.

Full fee schedules and service policies can be found online at: worksafe.vic.gov.au/information-for-providers

Further information on pharmacy expenses available at: worksafe.vic.gov.au/resources/pharmacy-policy-general

Fees schedules are subject to yearly reviews for indexation on 1 July each year. Any changes to fees under the Pilot are as published on the above website.

General Practitioner service fees – effective 1 July 2019

MBS item number	Service description	Maximum payment rate
3	Professional attendance at consulting rooms (other than a service to which another item applies) by a general practitioner for an obvious problem characterised by the straightforward nature of the task that requires a short patient history and, if required, limited examination and management—each attendance	\$30.80
23	Professional attendance by a general practitioner at consulting rooms (other than a service to which another item in the table applies), lasting less than 20 minutes and including any of the following that are clinically relevant: (a) taking a patient history; (b) performing a clinical examination; (c) arranging any necessary investigation; (d) implementing a management plan; (e) providing appropriate preventive health care; for one or more health-related issues, with appropriate documentation—each attendance	\$62.94
36	Professional attendance by a general practitioner at consulting rooms (other than a service to which another item in the table applies), lasting at least 20 minutes and including any of the following that are clinically relevant: (a) taking a detailed patient history; (b) performing a clinical examination; (c) arranging any necessary investigation; (d) implementing a management plan; (e) providing appropriate preventive health care; for one or more health-related issues, with appropriate documentation—each attendance	\$115.40

44	Professional attendance by a general practitioner at consulting rooms (other than a service to which another item in the table applies), lasting at least 40 minutes and including any of the following that are clinically relevant:(a) taking an extensive patient history;(b) performing a clinical examination;(c) arranging any necessary investigation;(d) implementing a management plan;(e) providing appropriate preventive health care;for one or more health-related issues, with appropriate documentation—each attendance	\$172.86
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GST

Maximum fees listed in this fee schedule are exclusive of GST. If GST is applicable, WorkSafe Victoria will pay the GST component in addition to the maximum fee.

Psychology service fees- Effective 1 July 2019

Item number	Service description	Maximum payment rate
PS100	Group Consultation - Per person rate (between 4 and 10 persons per group)	\$42.85
PS602	Individual Consultation - Maximum of one hour. Any consultations greater than one hour will require pre-approval by the WorkSafe Agent.	\$170.76
PS603	Neuropsychology Consultation	\$170.76 per hour

Psychology notification and review forms

Item number	Service description	Maximum payment rate
PS604	Notification Form Consultation - Consultation involving discussion with injured worker re: goals of treatment and including completion of Psychology treatment notification form	\$170.76
PS109	Review Form Consultation - Review consultation including completion of Psychology review form	\$170.76

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Psychiatry service fees – effective 1 July 2019

MBS item number	Service description	Maximum payment rate
296	Professional attendance of more than 45 minutes in duration by a consultant physician in the practice of his or her speciality of psychiatry following referral of the patient to him or her by a referring practitioner--an attendance at consulting rooms if the patient: (a) is a new patient for this consultant psychiatrist; or (b) has not received a professional attendance from this consultant psychiatrist in the preceding 24 months; other than attendance on a patient in relation to whom this item, item 297 or 299, or any of items 300 to 346, 353 to 358 and 361 to 370, has applied in the preceding 24 months	\$451.17
297	Professional attendance of more than 45 minutes by a consultant physician in the practice of his or her speciality of psychiatry following referral of the patient to him or her by a referring practitioner--an attendance at hospital if the patient: (a) is a new patient for this consultant psychiatrist; or (b) has not received a professional attendance from this consultant psychiatrist in the preceding 24 months; other than attendance on a patient in relation to whom this item, item 296 or 299, or any of items 300 to 346, 353 to 358 and 361 to 370, has applied in the preceding 24 months (H)	\$451.17
299	Professional attendance of more than 45 minutes by a consultant physician in the practice of his or her speciality of psychiatry following referral of the patient to him or her by a referring practitioner--an attendance at a place other than consulting rooms or a hospital if the patient: (a) is a new patient for this consultant psychiatrist; or (b) has not received a professional attendance from this consultant psychiatrist in the preceding 24 months; other than attendance on a patient in relation to whom this item, item 296 or 297, or any of items 300 to 346, 353 to 358 and 361 to 370, has applied in the preceding 24 months	\$451.17
300	Professional attendance by a consultant physician in the practice of his or her specialty of psychiatry following referral of the patient to him or her by a referring practitioner--an attendance of not more than 15 minutes in duration at consulting rooms, if that attendance and another attendance to which any of items 296, 300 to 308, 353 to 358 and 361 to 370 applies have not exceeded 50 attendances in a calendar year for the patient	\$81.18

302	Professional attendance by a consultant physician in the practice of his or her specialty of psychiatry following referral of the patient to him or her by a referring practitioner--an attendance of more than 15 minutes, but not more than 30 minutes, in duration at consulting rooms, if that attendance and another attendance to which any of items 296, 300 to 308, 353 to 358 and 361 to 370 applies have not exceeded 50 attendances in a calendar year for the patient	\$162.33
304	Professional attendance by a consultant physician in the practice of his or her specialty of psychiatry following referral of the patient to him or her by a referring practitioner--an attendance of more than 30 minutes, but not more than 45 minutes, in duration at consulting rooms), if that attendance and another attendance to which any of items 296, 300 to 308, 353 to 358 and 361 to 370 applies have not exceeded 50 attendances in a calendar year for the patient	\$235.13
306	Professional attendance by a consultant physician in the practice of his or her specialty of psychiatry following referral of the patient to him or her by a referring practitioner--an attendance of more than 45 minutes, but not more than 75 minutes, in duration at consulting rooms, if that attendance and another attendance to which any of items 296, 300 to 308, 353 to 358 and 361 to 370 applies have not exceeded 50 attendances in a calendar year for the patient	\$324.18
308	Professional attendance by a consultant physician in the practice of his or her specialty of psychiatry following referral of the patient to him or her by a referring practitioner--an attendance of more than 75 minutes in duration at consulting rooms), if that attendance and another attendance to which any of items 296, 300 to 308, 353 to 358 and 361 to 370 applies have not exceeded 50 attendances in a calendar year for the patient	\$393.04
310	Professional attendance by a consultant physician in the practice of his or her specialty of psychiatry following referral of the patient to him or her by a referring practitioner--an attendance of not more than 15 minutes in duration at consulting rooms, if that attendance and another attendance to which any of items 296, 300 to 308, 353 to 358 and 361 to 370 applies exceed 50 attendances in a calendar year for the patient	\$39.87
312	Professional attendance by a consultant physician in the practice of his or her specialty of psychiatry following referral of the patient to him or her by a referring practitioner--an attendance of more than 15 minutes, but not more than 30 minutes, in duration at consulting rooms, if that attendance and another attendance to which any of items 296, 300 to 308, 353 to 358 and 361 to 370 applies exceed 50 attendances in a calendar year for the patient	\$79.25

314	Professional attendance by a consultant physician in the practice of his or her specialty of psychiatry following referral of the patient to him or her by a referring practitioner--an attendance of more than 30 minutes, but not more than 45 minutes, in duration at consulting rooms, if that attendance and another attendance to which any of items 296, 300 to 308, 353 to 358 and 361 to 370 applies exceed 50 attendances in a calendar year for the patient	\$116.26
316	Professional attendance by a consultant physician in the practice of his or her specialty of psychiatry following referral of the patient to him or her by a referring practitioner--an attendance of more than 45 minutes, but not more than 75 minutes, in duration at consulting rooms, if that attendance and another attendance to which any of items 296, 300 to 308, 353 to 358 and 361 to 370 applies exceed 50 attendances in a calendar year for the patient	\$160.45
318	Professional attendance by a consultant physician in the practice of his or her specialty of psychiatry following referral of the patient to him or her by a referring practitioner--an attendance of more than 75 minutes in duration at consulting rooms, if that attendance and another attendance to which any of items 296, 300 to 308, 353 to 358 and 361 to 370 applies exceed 50 attendances in a calendar year for the patient	\$195.40

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The Pilot will pay the reasonable medical and like expenses for mental health injuries while an employee's claim is being assessed. For claims that are rejected, the Pilot will continue to cover reasonable medical and like expenses for the extended period.

There is no limit to the amount that can be paid to employees for their reasonable and like medical expenses during the provisional period.

What treatment and services are covered under the Pilot?

The Pilot will pay for medical and like expenses that are incurred by the employee.

In most cases, reasonable treatment and services will include consultation with the employee's General Practitioner, the cost of prescription medication and consultations with a psychologist and/or psychiatrist.

The employee's initial consultation with their General Practitioner (for the purpose of lodging their claim) will also be covered under the Pilot.

The Pilot will pay for psychology services by healthcare professionals who are fully registered with the psychology board of Australia.

The reasonable costs of hospital services in an in-patient or outpatient setting will also be covered. Employers should notify DJCS in circumstances where hospital services are claimed under the Pilot.

Other treatment and services, (including but not limited to aids and appliances, massage, exercise and swimming programs etc) may also be covered by the Pilot in circumstances where:

- (a) the employee's treating health practitioner provides a clinical justification in writing that the treatment or service is required.
- (b) The reasonable cost of travel expenses incurred by an employee to attend treatment and services will also be covered by the Pilot. Reasonable travel expenses will be paid in accordance with the WorkSafe policy and fee schedule where the Emergency Worker incurs the travel expense to attend any service listed below:
- (c) medical or allied health in room treatment and hospital treatment required as a result of a work-related injury or illness, except for travel to or from a pharmacy.

Reasonable travel expenses are expenses for travel by:

- (a) private motor vehicle;
- (b) public transport; and
- (c) taxi or a ride share service driven by an accredited driver

Refer to policy and fee schedule for [travel expenses](#) for when the employer's approval is required before the expense is incurred, and for the amounts payable.

Further information is at <https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/travel-expenses-fee-schedule>

Occupational rehabilitation will be funded as part of the employee's WorkCover claim, however must be initiated prior to a claim being rejected. If a claim is rejected, any ongoing occupational rehabilitation is to cease at the expiry of the extended 13 week period.

What is the reasonable cost?

Under this Pilot, the reasonable costs of treatment and services should be determined using WorkSafe's schedule of fees.

WorkSafe's schedule of fees is available on its website (www.worksafe.vic.gov.au).