

## SERVICES PROVIDED BY PRACTICE NURSES

For a comprehensive explanation of each MBS Item number please refer to the Medicare Benefits Schedule online at [www.health.gov.au/mbsonline](http://www.health.gov.au/mbsonline)

The following services are provided on behalf of, and under the supervision of the GP.

Item	Name	Description / Recommended Frequency
10986	Health Assessment - Healthy Kids Check by Nurse	Once only health check for children who have received or are receiving the 4 year old immunisation
10987	Follow Up Health Services for Indigenous people	Follow up services for an Indigenous person who has received a Health Assessment, not an admitted patient of a hospital. Maximum of 10 services per patient, per calendar year
10993	Immunisation	Nurse must be appropriately trained and qualified. See over page for details
10996	Wound Care	Nurse must be appropriately trained and qualified. See over page for details
10997	Chronic Disease Management	Monitoring and support for patients being managed under a GPMP or TCA. Maximum of 5 services per patient, per calendar year
10994	Pap Smear and Preventative Check	Pap smear and at least one preventative check performed. Nurse must be appropriately trained and qualified. See over page for details
10995	Pap Smear and Preventative Check	Same as item 10994 + the patient is 20 – 69 years inclusive and has not had a pap smear for the past 4 years and at least one preventative check performed
10998	Pap Smear	Nurse must be appropriately trained and qualified. See over page for details
10999	Pap Smear	Same as item 10998 + the patient is 20 – 69 years inclusive and has not had a pap smear for the past 4 years

### Courses for Registered and Enrolled Nurses

- Immunisation courses for RNs contact The College of Nursing on 9745 7500
- Wound Care courses visit the Australian Practice Nurses Association website: <http://www.apna.asn.au> or the Wound Care Association NSW website: <http://www.wcansw.com.au>
- Well Women's Screening (Pap Smear) courses, contact Family Planning NSW on 8752 4328 or visit the website: <http://www.fpnsw.org.au>
- Medication Administration courses for ENs, contact The College of Nursing on 9745 7500 or visit the TAFE NSW website: <http://www.tafensw.edu.au>

### Practice Nurses performing Wound Care

Practice Nurses can only perform wound care if they are appropriately trained and qualified i.e. have completed an accredited training course.

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### Practice Nurses performing Immunisations

**Registered Nurses (RNs)** can vaccinate with a written doctor's order. RNs who have completed the College of Nursing Immunisation course, and have maintained their competence can vaccinate without a doctor's order.

**Enrolled Nurses (ENs)** cannot administer vaccinations unless they have completed an Endorsed Medication Administration course, and then can only immunise with written doctor's order and under the supervision of an RN employed by the practice.

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### Practice Nurses performing Pap Smears

Practice Nurses can only perform pap smears if they are appropriately trained and qualified i.e. have completed an accredited training course.

**Items 10994 and 10995:** For undertaking at least one preventive check in addition to pap smear when the service is reasonably necessary and appropriate - preventative checks include:

- Checks for Sexually Transmitted Infections
  - Taking of a sexual and reproductive history
  - Advice on contraception
  - Breast awareness education
  - Advice on post natal issues
  - Continence advice and education
- May also include:
- Behavioural risk factor assessment e.g. smoking, nutrition, alcohol and physical activity
  - Taking of Blood Pressure

**Items 10995 and 10999:** For accredited practices, an additional PIP payment of \$35 per patient is made for women 20 – 69 years inclusive, not screened in the past 4 years.

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### Practice Nurses assisting with Chronic Disease Management Items

**Item 10997:** For ongoing monitoring and support of a patient where a CDM item (721, 723, 732, 729, 731) has been claimed in the last 12 months - some examples include:

- Checks on clinical progress
- Collection of information to support GP reviews of care plans
- Self management advice
- Monitoring medication compliance

For general assistance, there is no set list of activities that a Practice Nurse is permitted to undertake in assisting the GP, but should be within their professional competencies – some examples include:

- Assessing the patient
- Preparing or reviewing a GPMP or TCA
- Identifying the patient's needs
- Making arrangements for services

The GP must review and confirm all assessments and elements of the service and must see the patient as part of the service.