

HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

There are four time-based MBS Health Assessment Items: **701 (brief)**, **703 (standard)**, **705 (long)** and **707 (prolonged)**. The following categories of Health Assessments may be undertaken by a Medical Practitioner (other than a specialist or consultant physician) under these items:

1. **Over 75 Health Assessment** at surgery or in the home - annual [replaces 700, 702];
2. **4 year old health check** - once only [replaces 709 and 711]. Also Nurse item number 10986 - 10986 is still the item number used for a 4yo ATSI patient;
3. "Service provided by a Practice Nurse or registered Aboriginal Health Worker being the provision of a Health Assessment for a patient who is receiving or has received their four year old immunisation";
4. **Type 2 diabetes evaluation for 40-49 year olds** - every three years [replaces 713]
5. **45-49 Health Assessment** "at risk" of developing a chronic disease - once only [replaces 717];
6. **Health Assessment for people with an intellectual disability** - annual [replaces 718, 719];
7. **Health Assessment for refugees** and other humanitarian entrants - once only [replaces 714];
8. **CMA in Residential Aged Care** - annual [replaces 712].

The decision to use any one of these four MBS Health Assessment items to carry out a Health Assessment will depend on the practitioner's clinical judgement based on the complexity of the presentation and the type of Health Assessment used.

ITEM NAME / CATEGORY	OLD ITEM NUMBERS	NEW ITEM NUMBERS
Health Assessments	700, 702, 709, 712, 713, 714, 716, 717, 718, 719	701, 703, 705, 707
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people Health Assessment	704, 706, 708, 710	715
Health Assessments provided by a practice nurse or registered Aboriginal Health Worker	711	10986

HEALTH ASSESSMENTS – EFFECTIVE 1 MAY 2010		
The time period includes the time taken by the Doctor and the Practice Nurse to undertake a Health Assessment		
701	Brief Health Assessment < 30 minutes duration	12 monthly
703	Standard Health Assessment lasting more than 30 minutes but less than 45 minutes	12 monthly
705	Long Health Assessment lasting more than 45 minutes but less than 60 minutes	12 monthly
707	Prolonged Health Assessment lasting more than 60 minutes	12 monthly
715	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's Health Assessment	12 monthly
10986	Healthy Kids Check provided by a practice nurse or registered Aboriginal Health Worker	One occasion

TARGET GROUP	FREQUENCY OF SERVICE
Aged Care Health Assessment at consulting rooms - patient at least 75 years old	1 per year
Aged Care Health Assessment at patients home - patient at least 75 years old	1 per year
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders Health Assessment	1 per year
Comprehensive Medical Assessment for permanent residents of Aged Care facility	1 per year - recommended within 6 weeks of admission
Health Assessment for refugees & other humanitarian entrants by GP in consulting rooms conducted within 12 months of them arriving or receiving residency (whichever is the later).	One occasion only
Health Assessment for refugees & other humanitarian entrants by GP outside of consulting rooms, hospital or residential aged care facility, conducted wwithin 12 months of arriving or receiving residency (whichever is later).	One occasion only
Health Assessment for patients who are aged 45 to 49 years (inclusive) who are at risk of developing a chronic disease.	Once only for an eligible patient
A type 2 diabetes risk evaluation for people aged 40-49 years (inclusive) with a high risk of developing type 2 diabetes asdetermined by the Australian Type 2 Diabetes Risk Assessment Tool.	Once every three years to an eligible patient
Health Assessment of a patient with an intellectual disability at consulting rooms	1 per year
Health Assessment of a patient with an intellectual disability at patients home	1 per year

Resources - DoHA advisories:

- [Health Assessments Fact Sheet](#)
- [MBS Primary Care Items](#)