

Indicator: Home Medicines Review

Data Sources	Definition	Numerator	Denominator	Comments	Covariates
MBS	Proportion of home care recipients who had a home medicines review.	Number of home care recipients who had a home medicines review (Table 1).	Number of home care recipients. Exclude DVA card holders.	DVA card holders access these services differently (not MBS subsidised).	Age, sex and number health of conditions.

MBS: Medicare Benefits Schedule. **DVA:** Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Table 1. Home Medicines Review, MBS Descriptions, Codes, and Eligibility.

MBS Service	Code	MBS Eligibility (1, 2)
Home Medicines Review	900	<p>People currently taking five or more regular medications; or taking more than 12 doses of medication per day; or have had significant changes made to medication treatment regimen in the last three months; or taking medication with a narrow therapeutic index or medications requiring therapeutic monitoring; or experiencing symptoms suggestive of an adverse drug reaction; or displaying sub-optimal response to treatment with medicines; or suspected of non-compliance or inability to manage medication related therapeutic devices; or having difficulty managing their own medicines because of literacy or language difficulties; or having dexterity problems or impaired sight; or confusion/dementia or other cognitive difficulties; or attending a number of different doctors both general practitioners and specialists; and/or recently discharged from a facility / hospital (in the last four weeks).</p> <p>Can be claimed once every 12 months, except if there has been a significant change in the individual's condition or medication regimen.</p>
Prescribed Medical Practitioner Medication Management Reviews	245, 249 ¹	As above, Item 249 is available to: new residents on admission into a residential aged care facility; and existing residents on an 'as required' basis, where in the opinion of the resident's prescribed medical practitioner, it is required because of a significant change in medical condition or medication regimen.
Residential Medication Management Review ¹	903	As above, for care recipients in residential aged care facility.

MBS: Medicare Benefits Schedule.

¹Residential Medication Management Reviews are only available to those living in residential aged care facility, however we have included these codes in this indicator due to these items being occasionally reported for

those in our cohort while still receiving home care. This may be due to transition or respite care which can overlap with home care episodes.

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