

# MEDICARE REBATE UPDATE

## Bone Mineral Densitometry (BMD) testing for diagnosis and monitoring of osteoporosis

Item 12306	Item 12312	Item 12315	Item 12321	Item 12320	Item 12322	No Rebate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 1 or more fractures occurring after minimal trauma</li> <li>✓ Monitoring of low BMD at least 12 months previously</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Prolonged glucocorticoid therapy</li> <li>✓ Conditions associated with excess glucocorticoid secretion</li> <li>✓ male hypogonadism</li> <li>✓ female hypogonadism lasting &gt; 6 months before age 45</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Primary hyperparathyroidism</li> <li>✓ Chronic liver disease</li> <li>✓ Proven malabsorptive disorders</li> <li>✓ Rheumatoid arthritis</li> <li>✓ Conditions associated with Thyroxine excess</li> <li>✓ Chronic renal disease</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ BMD measurement 12 months following significant change in therapy for established low BMD</li> <li>✓ Confirmation of presumptive diagnosis of low BMD following one or more fractures after minimal trauma</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Patients 70 years and older with a <b>T score down to -1.5</b></li> </ul> <p>Patients aged 70 years or over who have not previously had the service will be eligible for an initial scan</p> <p><b>This replaces Item 12323</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Patients 70 years and older with a <b>T score of -1.5 to -2.5</b></li> </ul> <p><b>This replaces Item 12323</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Patient is asymptomatic</li> <li>✓ Patient is &lt; 70 years and does not fit into another group</li> </ul>
<b>One service only in a period of 24 months</b>	<b>One service only in a period of 12 (consecutive) months</b>	<b>One service only in a period of 24 (consecutive) months</b>	<b>One service only in a period of 12 (consecutive) months</b>	<b>One scan every 5 years</b>	<b>One scan every 2 years</b>	<b>No restrictions</b>

### All items now require that the scans must be performed:

- By a specialist, consultant physician or a person that holds a radiation licence (as required by State or Territory law)
- Under the supervision of an appropriate specialist or consultant physician and;
- Interpretation and report for these scans must be provided by a specialist or consultant physician