

MEDICARE REBATE UPDATE – EFFECTIVE 1 NOVEMBER 2017

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

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