



Enhanced Primary Care (EPC) Program Referral form for Dental Care under Medicare

To be completed by referring GP:

Please tick the relevant box below:

- Patient has a GP Management Plan and Team Care Arrangements in place (new CDM MBS items 721 AND 723) OR
 Patient has an EPC Multidisciplinary Care Plan in place (former MBS items 720, 722 or 730; or new CDM item 731)

Note: GPs are encouraged to attach a copy of the relevant part of the patient's care plan to this form.

GP details

Provider Number

Name

Address Postcode

NOTE: Relevant MBS item(s) above must be BILLED by GP prior to patient receiving their first referred dental care service for Medicare rebate to be payable for that service.

Patient details

Medicare Number Patient's ref no.

First Name Surname

Address Postcode

Dental Practitioner Patient referred to:

Name

Address Postcode

Referring General Practitioner's signature Date signed

Referral to another Dental Practitioner or Dental Specialist – to be completed by referring dental practitioner (if required):

Dental practitioner's or specialist's name

Address Postcode

Referring Dental Practitioner's signature Date signed

Eligible patients may access Medicare rebates for up to 3 dental care services (total) in a calendar year:
 10975: Dental assessment and report on referral by GP. When a patient is first referred for services under their EPC plan they must receive this item first and then each calendar year where further dental care is provided;
 10976: Dental treatment for a condition that is exacerbating the patient's chronic condition; and
 10977: Dental assessment or treatment and report by a dental practitioner or dental specialist on referral from dental practitioner who provided service under item 10975. Report to be provided to patient's GP and referring dental practitioner.
 Treatment (Item 10976) may occur on the same day as assessment (Item 10975) where this is clinically indicated.

The cost of making/supplying prostheses is **not** covered by Medicare. Dentists should separately itemise these costs on the patient's invoice/receipt. Costs associated with fitting prostheses can be included under the relevant item.

Dental practitioner must provide a written report to patient's GP after assessment, including evaluation, prognosis, proposed treatment (including estimated number of services/visits, costs) and specific investigations required (e.g. radiology).

Dentists and Dental Specialists should retain a copy of this referral form for record keeping and Medicare Australia audit purposes.

Dental care services funded by other Commonwealth or State/Territory programs are not eligible for Medicare rebates under this initiative.

This form may be downloaded from the Department of Health and Ageing website at www.health.gov.au/strengtheningmedicare or ordered by faxing (02) 6289 7120.

THIS FORM DOES NOT HAVE TO ACCOMPANY MEDICARE CLAIMS