

2017 rates for general practitioners

Workers Compensation Regulation

State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) payment classification system information – professional medical services

This document summarises the most commonly used codes by general practitioners. Medical practitioners treating workers compensation patients should refer to the 2017 Workers Compensation (Medical Practitioner Fees) Order for further information.

Payment classification code	Type of service	Fee	Service description
AA010	Level A consultation	\$38.50	Australian Medical Association (AMA) codes must be used for all consultations and medical treatment services.
AA020	Level B consultation	\$78.00	The rate for consultation fees applies to services provided on or after 1 January 2017. GST should not be charged on the consultation fee.
AA030	Level C consultation	\$142.00	For further information on the criteria for Level A, B, C and D consultation services, please refer to the AMA <i>List of Medical Services and Fees (1 November 2016)</i> .
AA040	Level D consultation	\$220.00	Out-of-hours fees are only payable for emergency attendance and emergency treatment of a worker at a time when the practice is not usually open.
WCO001	Certificate of capacity	\$45.40 (plus GST)	Initial certificate of capacity only. One certification fee may be charged for the initial certificate only. No fee is payable for subsequent certificates. To order certificates of capacity call our Publications Hotline on 13 10 50.
WCO002	Maximum hourly rate payable to general practitioner	\$278.40 (plus GST) or \$23.20/5min (plus GST)	This fee remunerates any time spent by the medical practitioner (in addition to usual medical management) to assist the worker to recover at/return to work. These rates may cover discussions with employers, case conferencing (see definition over), visits to worksites, time spent reviewing injury management or return to work plans, and providing additional reports (where report was

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			requested and pre-approved by the insurer). Invoices should reflect the time taken (to the nearest five minutes).
	Case conference	\$23.20/5min (plus GST) or \$278.40/hr (plus GST)	A case conference is a face-to-face meeting, video conference or teleconference with any or all of the following parties – the worker, employer, workplace rehabilitation provider, insurer or other treatment practitioner(s) delivering services to the worker. Discussion must seek to clarify the worker's capacity for work, barriers to return to work and strategies to overcome these barriers. If discussion is with the worker, it must involve a third party in order to be considered a case conference. Discussions between the nominated treating doctor and other treating practitioners (eg allied health practitioners, medical specialists or surgeons) regarding treatment are considered a normal interaction between the referring doctor and practitioner. This is not to be charged as a case conference.
WCO004	Other medical items	Cost price	The cost of all bandages and dressings etc.
PHS001	Pharmaceutical services	Cost price	Payments for pharmaceutical services.
WCO005	Medical records	\$38 (for 33 pages or less) Additional \$1.40/page if more than 33 pages (plus GST) If the clinical records are provided electronically, a flat fee of \$38 applies.	Fee for providing copies of medical records (including treating general practitioner, specialist or consulting surgeon notes and reports).