

General fee increase

The Q-COMP Board met on the 20 October 2009 and endorsed a Brisbane Health CPI increase for items covered under the:

1. Medical items schedule of fees
2. Supplementary schedule table of costs for specialist medical practitioners
3. Supplementary schedule table of costs for general practitioners.

Fee CPI indexation

The ABS, Brisbane Health CPI figure from the June 2009 quarter was used to determine the CPI increase for medical fee payments. The Brisbane Health CPI rate which has been applied to fees from 1 November 2009 is 4.8%. All fees in the Medical items schedule of fees have been indexed according to the Brisbane Health CPI data with the exception of diagnostic imaging services which are currently under review.

MBS changes

The medical items schedule of fees follows the same item numbers as the Medical Benefits Schedule (MBS), the following reflects the item changes that have been made in response to changes made by the MBS since 1 November 2008.

Changes on 1 November 2009

- **New items**

42718

- **Deleted items**

50124 50125

- **Amended description**

13015 59103

Changes on 1 January 2010

- **New items**

2702 13201 13202 16401 16404 16591 58120 58121

- **Amended fee**

13200 16515 16518 16519 16520 16522 16525 16590

- **Amended description**

104 2710 13200 13203 13206 13209 13212 13215 13218 13221 13251
16590 63464

Changes on 1 May 2010

- **New items**

597	598	599	600	701	703	705	707	715	732	735
739	743	747	750	758	10986	15710	36663	36664	36665	36666
36667	36668	73290	73291	73292	73293	73294				

- **Deleted items**

1	2	13	19	25	33	38	40	48	50	81
83	84	86	87	89	90	91	97	98	601	602
603	696	697	698	700	702	704	706	708	709	710
711	712	713	714	716	717	718	719	725	727	734
736	738	740	742	744	746	749	757	759	762	765
768	771	773	775	778	779	5007	5026	5046	5064	5240
5243	5247	5248								

- **Amended description**

3	4	20	23	24	35	36	37	43	44	47
51	58	59	60	65	173	193	195	197	199	410
411	412	413	414	415	416	417	721	723	729	731
2497	2501	2503	2504	2506	2507	2509	2517	2518	2521	2522
2525	2526	2546	2547	2552	2553	2558	2559	5000	5003	5010
5020	5023	5028	5040	5043	5049	5060	5063	5067	5220	5223
5227	5228	5260	5263	5265	5267	15700	15705	18354	18356	18358
30479	32087	32093	73287	73289						

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