

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

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