



Psychology Services Table of Costs

Effective from 1 July 2007

For use by a registered psychologist

Important note – the worker must always be referred by a registered medical practitioner and have a current medical certificate to cover any services provided

Initial consultation	Descriptor	Insurer prior approval required ¹	Item number ²	Fee GST excluded [#]
Initial consultation	Undertaken where possible cognitive, emotional and behavioural problems are occurring after a work related incident or injury The purpose of the assessment is to identify appropriate interventions/treatments to optimise rehabilitation outcomes	No	400088	\$137.92 per hour (2-3 hours direct contact and test scoring time)
Subsequent consultation				
Subsequent consultation	Ongoing management and treatment of compensable components of presenting psychological/psychiatric issues; intervention would be based on treatment formulated from the initial assessment and in accordance with the approved <i>Provider Management Plan</i> —approval of four to six hours	Yes	400095	\$137.92 per hour (maximum 2 hours on any one day)
Critical incident debriefing sessions				
Critical incident debriefing sessions	A process where, following exposure to a critical incident, an individual worker or group of workers are debriefed by a psychologist to assist them to deal more effectively with their experience	Yes (after first two sessions)	400184	\$137.92 per hour
Specific psychology assessment (complex)				
Neuro-psychological assessment	Assessment to clarify the presence of possible acquired brain injury or brain dysfunction where possible cognitive, emotional and behavioural problems are occurring, after a work-related incident	Yes	400091	\$137.92 per hour (4-5 hours direct contact and test scoring time)
Clinical psychological assessment	Assessment to clarify the presence of possible psychological and psychiatric condition/s and provide recommendations for treatment where cognitive, emotional and behavioural problems are occurring after a work-related incident	Yes	400092	\$137.92 per hour (2-3 hours direct contact and test scoring time)
Group sessions				
Group education sessions	Education programs—for example pain management, back education; maximum eight persons per group; insurer will only pay for the attendance of workers' compensation claimants	Yes	400097	\$35.09 per person per hour
Other				
Independent case review	Independent examination and report of a worker—not by the treating therapist; includes assessment and report	Only provided following a request from the insurer	400226	\$172.34 per hour

For details of when and how to use a *Provider Management Plan* see the *Guidelines for Allied Health Provider Forms* – both available from Q-COMP's website at www.qcomp.com.au or call Q-COMP on 1300 789 881

¹ Where prior approval is indicated you must seek approval from the insurer before providing services.

² Before billing for services please read the *Psychology Services Table of Costs Guidelines* available from Q-COMP's website at www.qcomp.com.au under Health Professionals.

[#] Rates do not include GST. If GST is required it is up to the provider to include it in the invoice. For clarification regarding GST contact the ATO.



Supplementary Services Schedule

Effective from 1 July 2007

For use by allied health providers

Important note – the worker must always be referred by a registered medical practitioner and have a current medical certificate to cover any services provided

Communication	Descriptor	Insurer prior approval required ¹	Item number ²	Fee GST excluded [#]
Communication	Consult list of exclusions in the guidelines before using this code Communication between providers and stakeholders—insurer; employer and doctors—should be purposeful and direct, to assist faster and more effective rehabilitation and return to work for the worker— only to exceed 5 to 10 minutes in exceptional or unusual circumstances	No	300079	\$11.46 per 5 min blocks
Case conference	Face-to-face or telephone communication involving the treating provider, insurer and one or more of the following: treating medical practitioner; specialist; employer or employee representative; worker; allied health providers or other	Yes	300082	\$137.92 per hour
Clinical reports				
Progress report	Brief summary of the worker's progress	Yes (must be requested by the insurer)	300086	\$41.39
Standard report	Provides relevant information about the worker's compensable injury where there has been a shift or change in the original/initial goals for the program		300088	\$117.26
Comprehensive report	Only required in a limited number of cases where the case and the treatment are extremely complex; charged at an hourly rate; negotiate the number of hours with the insurer prior to providing the report		300090	\$137.92 per hour (negotiate hours with the insurer)
Ancillary services				
Travel	Only paid where the provider is required to leave their normal place of practice to deliver a service to a worker at their place of residence, rehabilitation facility, hospital or the workplace; for visits to multiple workers or facilities, divide the travel charge accordingly between workers assessed/treated at each location	Yes (for return trips greater than 60 minutes)	300092	\$102.76 per hour
Incidental expenses	Reasonable charges for incidental items the worker takes with them	No ³	300094	Up to \$45.00 per claim
	Reasonable charges for supportive devices			Up to \$90.00 per claim
	Hire of equipment	Yes ³		Negotiate with the insurer

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³ If costs exceed pre-approved levels, or you need to hire equipment, you must submit a *Request for Incidental Expenses, Supportive Devices or Equipment Hire* form detailing items and cost to the insurer available from Q-COMP's website at www.qcomp.com.au under Health Professionals.

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