

For use by General Medical Practitioners			
COMMUNICATION	Descriptor	Item Number	Fee GST Excluded
Case conference	*Relating to rehabilitation or treatment options	100158	\$275.00 /hour <sup>^</sup>
Telecommunications less than 10 minutes	Telephone, secure e-mail, facsimile	100160	\$46.00
Telecommunications for 10 to 20 minutes	Telephone, secure e-mail, facsimile	100162	\$92.00
MEDICAL REPORTS	Descriptor	Item Number	Fee GST Excluded
Phone and fax report	Immediate	100208	\$110.00
Completed form	Received within 10 working days	100140	\$55.00
Comprehensive clinical report	Received within 10 working days	100144	\$275.00
	Received after 10 working days or if payment requested prior to supply of report	100145	\$137.00
Progress report	Received within 10 working days	100141	\$110.00
	Received after 10 working days or if payment requested prior to supply of report	100142	\$55.00
Short report	Received within 10 working days	100297	\$55.00
	Received after 10 working days or if payment requested prior to supply of report	100298	\$28.00
Assessment of permanent impairment (PI) (only on insurer request)	Report conforming to Q-COMP endorsed format	100209	\$550.00
	Report <b>NOT</b> conforming to Q-COMP endorsed format	100210	\$375.00
Pre-consultation reading and preparation time (associated with PI assessment and report)	*30 to 60 minutes	100277	\$275.00
	*More than 60 minutes	100278	\$275.00 /hour <sup>^</sup>
Consultations associated with a report	Standard consultation	100204	\$55.00
	Extended consultation	100205	\$104.00
	Extra long consultation	100206	\$153.00
Non attendance fee	When appointment made for PI assessment	100136	\$104.00
ANCILLARY SERVICES	Descriptor	Item Number	Fee GST Excluded
Workplace assessment	*Relating to rehabilitation or treatment options	100156	\$275.00 /hour <sup>^</sup>
Travel	Vehicle cost	100237	\$0.62 /km
	Travelling time per hour	100155	\$138.00
Facility Fee	See over	100164	\$83.00
Case management fee	*Insurer's prior approval required	100165	\$275.00 /hour <sup>^</sup>

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<sup>^</sup> Pro-rata at \$55.00 per 12 minutes or part thereof

This document briefly describes fees payable for medical and workplace rehabilitation services for workers' compensation claimants. The hourly rate used as the basis for timed services is based on five consultations per hour in a practitioner's rooms. The schedule indicates the fees that insurers will pay for services, however if practitioners consider that the time taken will be outside the estimate of the service they may negotiate with the insurer.

100158*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conference to plan, implement, manage or review a rehabilitation plan/treatment options</li> <li>Contact initiated by treating practitioner, employer, rehabilitation provider or insurer</li> </ul>
100160 100162	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact initiated by treating practitioner, employer, rehabilitation provider or insurer</li> <li>Reason for contact to be submitted with account</li> <li>Not used for routine referral to specialist/allied health provider</li> <li>Not used if party called is unavailable or if enquiry is of a general administrative nature</li> </ul>
100208	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insurer prearranges phone interview with treating practitioner and documents response</li> <li>Treating practitioner signs faxed transcript of their response and faxes it back to insurer</li> </ul>
100140	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treating practitioner completes form (provided by insurer) to obtain basic information for the management of the claim</li> <li>Payment per form</li> </ul>
100144 100145	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written response to insurer's request for specific information</li> <li>May include clinical findings, summing-up and opinion helpful to insurer</li> <li>Insurer questions may pertain to phases of the claim e.g. establishment, ongoing management and return to work</li> <li>Information sought may include statement of attendance, diagnosis, investigations, prognosis, clarification of treatment and capacity for work</li> </ul>
100141 100142	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Response to insurer's request for specific information at a specific stage of the claim e.g. information about a specific line of treatment or progress for return to work</li> <li>Only information subsequent to previous reports should be provided</li> </ul>
100297 100298	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written response to insurer's very limited number of questions (2 or 3) seeking information about worker's condition at specific stage of claim</li> </ul>
100209	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written assessment in response to insurer's request for examination and report assessing permanent impairment (PI) using <i>AMA Guides 4th Edition</i> methodology and the <i>Table of Injuries Schedule 2 (Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Regulation 2003, s92)</i> using <b>Q-COMP endorsed template for reporting PI</b> (available at <a href="http://www.qcomp.com.au/medicalservices">www.qcomp.com.au/medicalservices</a> or phone Q-COMP on 1300 789 881)</li> <li>Fee payable includes 30 minutes reading time</li> <li>Consultation fee may be charged in conjunction with this service</li> </ul>
100210	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment of PI <b>NOT reported using Q-COMP endorsed template for reporting PI</b></li> <li>Fee payable includes 30 minutes reading time</li> <li>Consultation fee may be charged in conjunction with this service</li> </ul>
100277* 100278*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading material provided by insurer in preparation for a PI consultation</li> </ul>
100204 100205 100206	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendance - involves history taking, examining multiple systems, arranging necessary investigations associated with insurer's report request</li> <li>Attendance - involves detailed history taking and examination associated with insurer's report request</li> <li>Attendance - involves exhaustive history taking, comprehensively examining multiple systems, arranging necessary investigations associated with insurer's report request</li> </ul>
100136	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fee payable <b>ONLY</b> when insurer-arranged appointment for examination and report to assess PI is <b>NOT</b> kept and the injured worker does <b>NOT</b> provide notice of cancellation within two working days of the appointment</li> <li>If this occurs please advise the insurer by phone or fax within two working days of the appointment</li> </ul>
100156*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work-site visit - involves attending at the workplace to assess aspects of the injured worker's job or environment</li> <li>In connection with planning or implementing rehabilitation plan</li> <li>Contact initiated by treating practitioner, employer, rehabilitation provider or insurer</li> </ul>
100164	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of specially set-up dedicated treatment room for procedural services not associated with hospitals or day hospitals</li> <li>Fee payable <b>ONLY</b> on initial visit and includes drugs, plasters, suture materials and dressings used</li> <li>Procedures would include: sutures; removal of a foreign body requiring local anaesthetic; surgical excision and closure; removal of a foreign body from the eye using local anaesthetic; initial burns dressings; fractures requiring plaster cast; ECG and monitoring of an injured worker while waiting for arrival of an ambulance</li> <li>Fee payable <b>DOES NOT</b> cover repeat dressings, removal of sutures or normal aftercare.</li> </ul>
100165*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treating practitioner (by agreement with insurer) may prepare and implement injured worker's case management plan in consultation with insurer, employer and rehabilitation provider</li> <li>Insurer will monitor outcomes and all medical and rehabilitation costs associated with the claim</li> <li>Fee payable where treating practitioner undertakes role of case manager for each period of 2 months during life of claim</li> </ul>

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