

2020 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.

All medical practitioners treating workers compensation patients should refer to the *2020 Workers Compensation (Medical Practitioner Fees) Order* for further information.

Payment classification code	Type of service	Fee	Service description
AA010	Level A consultation	\$41	Australian Medical Association (AMA) codes must be used for all consultations and medical treatment services.
AA020	Level B consultation	\$83	The rate for consultation fees applies to services provided on or after 1 January 2020. GST should not be charged on the consultation fee.
AA030	Level C consultation	\$152	For further information on the criteria for Level A, B, C and D consultation services, please refer to the <i>AMA List of Medical Services and Fees (1 November 2019)</i> .
AA040	Level D consultation	\$230	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	\$48.40 (plus GST)	Initial certificate of capacity. This fee is payable only once per claim for completion of the initial certificate of capacity. The certificate of capacity can be downloaded from the SIRA website.

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WCO002	Maximum hourly rate payable to general practitioner	\$296.40 (plus GST) or \$24.70/5 min (plus GST)	<p>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.</p> <p>These rates may cover discussions with employers, case conferencing (see definition below), visits to worksites, time spent reviewing injury management or recovery at/return to work plans, and providing additional reports (when requested and pre-approved by the insurer).</p> <p>Invoices should reflect the time taken (to the nearest five minutes).</p>
	Case conference	\$24.70/5 min (plus GST) or \$296.40/hour (plus GST)	<p>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.</p> <p>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 to be considered a case conference.</p> <p>Please note: Discussions between the nominated treating doctor and other treating practitioners (for example, 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.</p>
WCO004	Other medical items	Cost price	Bandages, dressings, etc.
PHS001	Pharmaceutical services	Cost price	Payments for pharmaceutical services.
WCO005	Medical records	<p>\$60 for electronic medical records.</p> <p>\$38 for hard copy medical records of up to 33 pages, then \$1.40 for each additional page.</p> <p>These fees include postage and handling.</p>	<p>Fee for providing copies of medical records (including the treating general practitioner, specialist or consulting surgeon's notes and reports). Where medical records are maintained electronically, a flat fee applies for provision of all requested clinical records held by the medical practice.</p> <p>A medical practitioner/practice should not provide or bill for hard copy medical records if they are maintained electronically.</p> <p>Fees for production of medical records are not inclusive of GST.</p>