

## 9. GPSC Incentives for GPs with Specialty Training

### **Eligibility:**

- Must not have billed another GPSC fee item on the specific patient in the previous 18 months.
- Service may be provided when physician is located in office or hospital. For the purpose of these telephone advice fee items GPSC has defined General Practitioner (GP) with specialty training as: A GP who has specialty training and who provides services in that specialty area through a health authority supported or approved program.
- Telephone advice must be related to the field in which the GP has received specialty training.
- When advice is requested by an Allied Care Provider not registered with MSP use the generic practitioner number 99987: Advice requested by an allied care provider. (Not applicable to referred case fee items such as consultations.)

G14021 GP with Specialty Training Telephone Advice - Initiated by a Specialist or General Practitioner, Response within 2 hours .....60.00

### **Notes:**

- Payable to a GP with specialty training for two-way telephone communication (including other forms of electronic verbal communication) regarding assessment and management of a patient but without the consulting physician seeing the patient.*
- Conversation must take place within two hours of the initiating physician's request. Not payable for written communication (i.e. fax, letter, email).*
- Includes discussion of pertinent family/patient history, history of presenting complaint and discussion of the patient's condition and management after reviewing laboratory and other data where indicated.*
- Not payable for situations where the purpose of the call is to:*
  - book an appointment*
  - arrange for transfer of care that occurs within 24 hours*
  - arrange for an expedited consultation or procedure within 24 hours*
  - arrange for laboratory or diagnostic investigations*
  - inform the referring physician of results of diagnostic investigations*
  - arrange a hospital bed for the patient*
- Not payable to physician initiating call.*
- No claim may be made where communication is with a proxy for either physician (e.g.: nurse or assistant).*
- Limited to one claim per patient per physician per day.*
- A chart entry, including advice given and to whom, is required.*
- Include start and end times in time fields when submitting claim.*
- Not payable in addition to another service on the same day for the same patient by same practitioner.*
- Out-of-Office Hours Premiums may not be claimed in addition.*
- Cannot be billed simultaneously with salary, sessional, or service contract arrangements.*
- Include the practitioner number of the physician requesting advice in the "referred by" field when submitting claim.*

G14022 GP with Specialty Training Telephone Advice for Patient Management -  
Initiated by a Specialist or General Practitioner or Allied Care Provider,  
Response in One Week – per 15 minutes or portion thereof .....40.00

**Notes:**

- i) Payable to a GP with specialty training for two-way telephone communication (including other forms of electronic verbal communication) regarding assessment and management of a patient but without the consulting physician seeing the patient.
- ii) Conversation must take place within 7 days of initiating physician request. Initiation may be by phone or referral letter.
- iii) If conversation is with an allied care provider include a note record specifying the type of provider.
- iv) Includes discussion of pertinent family/patient history, history of presenting complaint and discussion of the patient's condition and management after reviewing laboratory and other data where indicated.
- v) Not payable for situations where the purpose of the call is to:
  - a. book an appointment
  - b. arrange for transfer of care that occurs within 24 hours
  - c. arrange for an expedited consultation or procedure within 24 hours
  - d. arrange for laboratory or diagnostic investigations
  - e. inform the referring physician of results of diagnostic investigations
  - f. arrange a hospital bed for the patient
- vi) Not payable to physician initiating call.
- vii) No claim may be made where communication is with a proxy for either physician (e.g.: nurse or assistant).
- viii) Limited to two services per patient per physician per week.
- ix) A chart entry, including advice given and to whom, is required.
- x) Include start and end times in time fields when submitting claim.
- xi) Not payable in addition to another service on the same day for the same patient by same practitioner.
- xii) Out-of-Office Hours Premiums may not be claimed in addition.
- xiii) Cannot be billed simultaneously with salary, sessional, or service contract arrangements.
- xiv) Include the practitioner number of the physician or allied care provider requesting advice in the "referred by" field when submitting claim. (For allied care providers not registered with MSP use practitioner number 99987).