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Frequently Asked Questions answered through the Department of Health & Ageing Question & Answer Section

Better Access

Question: If a patient is referred under the GPMH Plan to an allied health provider, and has two sessions, and does not want to continue with that provider, does the GP refer them to another psychologist a) under the same GP MH Plan and b) how many sessions is the patient then entitled to, another 10 sessions, or to start again with 12 sessions?

Answer: Page 14 DoHA FAQs

Question: Can the GP use the GP Mental Health Consultation item without doing a GPMH Plan?

Answer: Page 13 DoHA FAQs

Question: Can the GP use the GPMH Plan to refer to group therapy AND to individual therapy?

Answer: Page 14 DoHA FAQs

Question: What is it exactly, that a mental health nurse, practice nurse, AHP co-located in the GP practice, can do with regard to the GP Mental Health Care Plan?

Answer: Page 6 DoHA FAQs

Relationship between Better Access & EPC

Question: If a GPMP&TAC is already in place for a patient with a mental health condition does that make them ineligible for the new item numbers?

Answer: Page 17 DoHA FAQs

Question: If a patient has a mental health condition as part of a list of other chronic conditions can the patient access mental health services through the new item numbers as well as the allied health services for the co-morbid condition via the GPMP&TCA & EPC Medicare Allied Health referral?

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Question: How does item number 2713 relate to 729? If the GP uses 729 can they go on to use 2713 The GP Mental Health Consultation?

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Question: If a patient has been referred under a GP care plan 2713 and referred under EPC for 5 sessions of counselling within the last 12 months - can the GP now provide a new MH care plan 2710 and refer the patient for a further 6 sessions for counselling, even though 12 months have not passed between the two different care plans?

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Medicare

Question: Will a patient's claim be rejected if a GP has not claimed the MH Care Plan item number?

Answer: Page 8 DoHA FAQs

Question: Can a GP claim a GP MH Plan AND a Case Conference item on the same day?

Answer: Page 20 DoHA FAQs