

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS SCHEDULE OF FEES EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 2024



DEFINITIONS

Treatment Cycle

- Treatment cycle referral arrangements were introduced on 1 October 2019.
- For more information providers must refer to Notes for Allied Health Providers - Section One: General and Section 2(j).
- The treatment cycle does not apply to physiotherapy services for Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) Gold Card holders.

The treatment cycle does not apply to the following:

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| PH41 | Lymphoedema Treatment |
| PH76-78 | Multi-disciplinary case conferencing |
| PH92-93 | Clinically Required Consumables |
| PH94-98 | Small Medical Aides and Appliances |
| PH95-96 | Splits and Casts |
| PH90 | End of Cycle Report |
| PH99 | Request for Service |

Any allied health services provided to a DVA client while they are admitted to hospital.

Initial Consultation

- Each treatment cycle must start with an initial consultation.
- Only one initial consultation item can be claimed with each treatment cycle.
- Includes the completion or update of a patient care plan.
- For TPI Gold Card holders, initial consultations can only be claimed for a new episode of care or a new and unrelated condition, and for which a new referral has been issued. A maximum of three initial consultations can be claimed in a 12 month period.
- Treatment for White Card holders must be related to an accepted disability. Eligibility must be established before starting treatment.

Standard Consultation

- Cannot be claimed on the same day as an initial consultation for the same client.
- Should be claimed for ongoing treatment of a condition.
- Two consultations cannot be claimed on the same day.
 - Hospital - in certain exceptional circumstances, DVA may pay for two subsequent consultations provided on the same day in circumstances where it is for treatment of a short term acute onset condition such as treatment of an admitted entitled person with acute pneumonia or for joint mobilisation immediately following surgery. The length of time for providing these services should not exceed five days without contacting DVA. When claiming, providers should indicate am or pm next to each consultation or the time of each consultation to allow processing by Services Australia.

Extended Consultation

- For treatment of two acute and unrelated areas or for treatment of an acute condition when a chronic condition needs ongoing treatment.
- Treatment of related areas, or treatment of multiple, chronic musculo-skeletal conditions, should **NOT** be claimed as an extended consultation.

Shaded item numbers require prior financial authorisation from DVA. To obtain prior financial authorisation, please contact DVA using the contact details at the end of this Schedule.

FURTHER INFORMATION TO ASSIST YOU WHEN TREATING MEMBERS OF THE VETERAN COMMUNITY IS CONTAINED IN THE 'NOTES FOR PHYSOTHERAPISTS' AVAILABLE ON THE DVA WEBSITE AT:

<http://www.dva.gov.au/providers/allied-health-professionals>

FACE-TO-FACE SERVICES

ROOMS

| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | FEE (excluding GST) | GST STATUS ++ |
|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| PH10 | Initial Consultation | \$73.30 | GST-free |
| PH20 | Standard Consultation | \$73.30 | GST-free |
| PH30 | Extended Consultation | \$77.70 | GST-free |

HOME

| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | FEE (excluding GST) | GST STATUS ++ |
|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| PH11 | Initial Consultation | \$78.75 | GST-free |
| PH21 | Standard Consultation | \$73.30 | GST-free |
| PH31 | Extended Consultation | \$92.00 | GST-free |

PERMANENT TELEHEALTH SERVICES

- Permanent telehealth services must be provided in accordance with the conditions set out in the *Notes for Allied Health Providers – Section One: General*.
- Telehealth services can only be provided if the full service can be delivered safely and in accordance with all relevant professional standards and clinical guidelines.
- Services without a specific telehealth item number must be delivered in person.
- Initial and extended consultations cannot be provided under permanent telehealth arrangements.
- Phone consultations can only be provided when video conferencing is unavailable.
- Telehealth services can only be claimed where a visual or audio link has been established with the patient.
- Telehealth services may be delivered to clients in hospital or residential aged care facilities, where the equivalent in person service does not require prior approval.
- Telehealth may be considered outside of these requirements on a case by case basis via prior financial authorisation.

| ITEM NO. | ITEM DESCRIPTION | FEE (excluding GST) | GST STATUS ++ |
|-----------------|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| PH70 | Standard Consultation – Video Conference | \$73.30 | GST-free |
| PH71 | Standard Consultation – Phone Consultation | \$73.30 | GST-free |

TREATMENT CYCLE

- Only one End of Cycle Report item can be claimed with each treatment cycle.
- Item is only claimable after an End of Cycle Report has been submitted to the DVA client's usual GP.
- To support continuity of care, an End of Cycle Report can be submitted after eight sessions of treatment. However, a total of 12 sessions should still be provided before moving to a new treatment cycle.
- Where the DVA client requires a shorter length of treatment and an additional treatment cycle is not required, a minimum of two sessions of treatment must be provided before an End of Cycle Report can be claimed.
- This item cannot be claimed for entitled persons who are identified as TPI on their DVA Gold Card.

| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | FEE (excluding GST) | GST STATUS ++ |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| PH90 | End of Cycle Report | \$33.65 | Taxable |

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CASE CONFERENCING

- These items can be claimed for participating in multi-disciplinary case conferences.
- The case conference must be organised by the DVA client's usual general practitioner (GP), as defined in the Notes for allied health providers Section One: General.
- The case conference must include at least two allied health providers.
- Only one item per DVA client can be claimed in a three month period.

| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | FEE (excluding GST) | GST STATUS ++ |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------|
| PH76 | GP initiated case conference – 15 to less than 20 minutes | \$55.65 | GST-free |
| PH77 | GP initiated case conference – 20 to less than 40 minutes | \$95.45 | GST-free |
| PH78 | GP initiated case conference – 40 minutes and over | \$158.80 | GST-free |

PRIVATE HOSPITALS

- Treatment cycle arrangements do not apply to allied health treatment provided to DVA clients while they are admitted to hospital.
- The Department will only pay for health care services carried out by providers in private hospitals when the contract between DVA and the hospital does not already cover these services.
- It is the provider's responsibility to determine whether or not health care services are included in the bed-day rate under the DVA contract, before providing services. This can be done by contacting the Veteran Liaison Officer at the hospital or DVA.

Only one 1st Client claim applies in the same facility (i.e. PH13 or PH23)

| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | FEE (excluding GST) | GST STATUS ++ |
|----------|--|---------------------|---------------|
| PH13 | Initial Consultation – 1st Client | \$78.75 | GST-free |
| PH17 | Initial Consultation – 2nd & Subsequent Clients | \$73.30 | GST-free |
| PH23 | Standard Consultation – 1st Client | \$73.30 | GST-free |
| PH27 | Standard Consultation - 2nd & Subsequent Clients | \$73.30 | GST-free |

RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES (RACFs)

- A case-mix based funding model for aged care commenced on 1 October 2022 – the Australian National Aged Care Classification (AN-ACC).
- It is the responsibility of the RACF to provide allied health services consistent with each resident's individual care plan.
- It is the health care provider's responsibility to determine if the RACF is funded to deliver the allied health service before treatment is provided.
- DVA will only pay for an allied health service delivered to a DVA client living in a RACF, if the facility is not otherwise funded to provide that service.
- Where DVA funds treatment, Treatment Cycle arrangements **apply** to the services provided to DVA clients in a RACF.

Only one 1st Client claim applies in the same facility (i.e. PH15 or PH25)

| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | FEE (excluding GST) | GST STATUS ++ |
|----------|--|---------------------|---------------|
| PH15 | Initial Consultation – 1 st Client | \$78.75 | GST-free |
| PH19 | Initial Consultation – 2 nd & Subsequent Clients | \$73.30 | GST-free |
| PH25 | Standard Consultation – 1 st Client | \$73.30 | GST-free |
| PH29 | Standard Consultation – 2 nd & Subsequent Clients | \$73.30 | GST-free |

PUBLIC HOSPITALS

Treatment cycle arrangements do not apply to allied health treatment provided to DVA clients while they are admitted to hospital.

The Department will only pay for health care services carried out in public hospitals in exceptional circumstances, and only where DVA has given prior financial authorisation.

Only one 1st Client claim applies in the same facility (i.e. PH12 or PH22)

| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | FEE (excluding GST) | GST STATUS ++ |
|-----------------|--|----------------------------|----------------------|
| PH12 | Initial Consultation – 1 st Client | \$78.75 | GST-free |
| PH16 | Initial Consultation – 2 nd & Subsequent Clients | \$73.30 | GST-free |
| PH22 | Standard Consultation – 1 st Client | \$73.30 | GST-free |
| PH26 | Standard Consultation – 2 nd & Subsequent Clients | \$73.30 | GST-free |

LYMPHOEDEMA TREATMENT

- The treatment cycle referral arrangements **do not** apply to lymphoedema treatment.
- Only physiotherapists who hold appropriate postgraduate certifications recognised by DVA can provide lymphoedema treatment to entitled persons.
- Treatment for lymphoedema cannot be provided to entitled persons already receiving lymphoedema treatment from an occupational therapist recognised by DVA as a lymphoedema therapist.
- Prior approval is not necessary for the maximum of 20 sessions per calendar year.
- If the client requires more than 20 treatment sessions prior approval is necessary.
- Item PH41 should be claimed for all aspects of clinical treatment.
- Clinically required consumables should be claimed under item PH92 or PH93.
- Clinically required aids and appliances should be claimed under item PH94.
- All other clinically required consumables, aids and appliances should be sourced through DVA's Rehabilitation Appliances Program (RAP).
- Do not claim for items that the entitled person can purchase through a pharmacy or supermarket for ongoing self-management of conditions.

| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | FEE (excluding GST) | GST STATUS ++ |
|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| PH41 | Lymphoedema – per session | \$155.20 | GST-free |

GROUP PHYSIOTHERAPY

- Group therapy cannot be delivered by telehealth.
- A group physiotherapy session is considered a consultation under the treatment cycle referral arrangements.
- The cost of gymnasium admission for the entitled person, if necessary, is included in the fee.
- Physiotherapists are unable to claim travel costs when they travel from their rooms to a gymnasium facility to provide group physiotherapy services.

| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | FEE (excluding GST) | GST STATUS ++ |
|----------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| PH50 | Group Physiotherapy (Per Client) | \$32.80 | GST-free |

AQUATIC PHYSIOTHERAPY

- Aquatic physiotherapy cannot be delivered by telehealth
- Supervised individual and supervised group aquatic physiotherapy sessions are each considered a consultation under the treatment cycle referral arrangements.
- The cost of pool admission for the entitled person, if necessary, is included in the fee.
- Physiotherapists are unable to claim travel costs when they travel from their rooms to a pool facility to provide aquatic physiotherapy services.

| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | FEE (excluding GST) | GST STATUS ++ |
|----------|---|---------------------|---------------|
| PH60 | Supervised Individual Aquatic Physiotherapy | \$73.30 | GST-free |
| PH61 | Supervised Group Aquatic Physiotherapy | \$43.00 | GST-free |

CLINICALLY REQUIRED CONSUMABLES

Use these items only for the supply of consumables and small items. Please ensure that you retain documentation and/or invoices on file to substantiate claims.

| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | FEE (excluding GST) | GST STATUS ++ |
|----------|---|---------------------|----------------|
| PH92φφ | <p>Consumables clinically required immediately during the consultation/treatment</p> <p><i>Do not claim for items that entitled persons should purchase through a pharmacy or supermarket for ongoing self-management of conditions e.g. dietary supplements. Claim invoiced cost only, not exceeding the maximum fee.</i></p> | \$59.30 | GST-Free φφ |

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| PH93 | <p>Consumables clinically required for treatment after consultation</p> <p><i>Do not claim for items that entitled persons should purchase through a pharmacy or supermarket for ongoing self-management of conditions e.g. dietary supplements. Claim invoiced cost only exclusive of GST, not exceeding the maximum fee. DVA will automatically add GST to the amount claimed.</i></p> | \$59.30 | Taxable |
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SMALL MEDICAL AIDS AND APPLIANCES

(Must be covered by section 38-45 of the GST Act)

Use this item to facilitate the provision of small medical aids and appliances, e.g. soft collar, braces for knee, ankle, elbow or wrist, lumbar corsets etc. All other aids and appliances must be sourced through RAP.

| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | FEE (excluding GST) | GST STATUS ++ |
|-----------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| PH94 | <p>Small Medical Aids and Appliances</p> <p><i>Use this item to facilitate the provision of small medical aids and appliances covered by section 38-45 of the GST Act. Claim the invoiced cost only, not exceeding the maximum fee, and attach the invoice to the client's file.</i></p> | \$118.70 | GST-free ϕϕ |
| PH98 | <p>Small Medical Aids and Appliances – Postage/Freight</p> <p><i>Use this item to claim an actual amount of postage or freight directly attributable to an item purchased for a veteran and claimed under PH94.</i></p> <p><i>Restriction: This item cannot be claimed separately, i.e. it can only be claimed in conjunction with Item PH94.</i></p> | \$14.50 | Taxable |

SPLINTS/CASTS

Use these items only for the supply of splints and casts that are covered by section 38-45 of the GST Act.

NOTE: Prior financial authorisation must be sought from DVA if the cost of a static splint or cast exceeds the fees below. Splints may also be sourced through RAP.

| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | FEE (excluding GST) | GST STATUS ++ |
|-----------------|---|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| PH95 | <p>Static Splint/Cast</p> <p><i>Claim the invoiced amount only, not exceeding the maximum fee.</i></p> | \$103.75 | GST-Free ϕϕ |
| PH96 | <p>Dynamic Splint</p> <p><i>Claim the invoiced amount only, not exceeding the maximum fee.</i></p> | \$222.50 | GST-Free ϕϕ |

DIRECT SUPPLY TO DVA

(Subject to prior financial authorisation)

Use item number PH99 only when DVA contacts you directly to request that you provide:

- a written report; or
- a consultation or assessment to entitled persons, either separately or in conjunction with a written report.

For example, this may occur when DVA requires a second opinion concerning treatment for an entitled person. DVA will give financial authorisation and advise the fee at the time of the request, according to the above schedule items. The kilometre allowance is included in the fee, and is **not** to be claimed in addition to the fee.

Please note: This item does not cover the supply of clinical notes, care plans or other information requested by DVA as part of monitoring activities, as these are provided free-of-charge under DVA requirements.

| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | FEE (excluding GST) | GST STATUS ++ |
|-----------------|---|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| PH99 | Report or service specifically requested by DVA | Specified at time of request | Taxable |

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| ++Recognised Professional | Paragraph 38-10(1)(b) of the (Goods and Services Tax) GST Act states that only a 'recognised professional' can supply GST-free health services as listed in section 38-10. Please refer to section 195-1 of the GST Act for the definition of 'recognised professional' for GST purposes. |
| φφ GST-free consumables | Please refer to sections 38-10(3), 38-20(3), 38-45, 38-47 of the 'A New Tax System Act 1999' (GST Act) to determine the status of the health good, and GSTR2001/8 for determining the GST status and whether apportionment is required if there are GST-free and taxable components in a supply. |

DVA CONTACTS

Further information on allied health services may be obtained from DVA. The contact numbers for health care providers requiring further information or prior financial authorisation for all States & Territories are listed below:

PHONE NUMBER:

1800 550 457 (Select Option 3, then Option 1)

POSTAL ADDRESS FOR ALL STATES AND TERRITORIES:

Health Approvals & Home Care Section
Department of Veterans' Affairs
GPO Box 9998
BRISBANE QLD 4001

DVA WEBSITE:

<http://www.dva.gov.au/providers/allied-health-professionals>

DVA email for prior financial authorisation:
health.approval@dva.gov.au

The appropriate prior approval request form can be found at: <https://www.dva.gov.au/providers/services-requiring-prior-approval>

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

For more information about claims for payment visit: <https://www.dva.gov.au/providers/claiming-and-compliance/provider-claims>

Claim Enquiries: 1300 550 017
(Option 2 Allied Health)

Claiming Online and DVA Webclaim

DVA offers online claiming utilising Medicare Online Claiming. DVA Webclaim is available on the Services Australia [Provider Digital Access \(PRODA\) Service](#). For more information about the online solutions available:

- DVA Webclaim/Technical Support –
Phone 1800 700 199 or email
eBusiness@servicesaustralia.gov.au
- Billing, banking and claim enquiries –
Phone 1300 550 017
- Visit the Services Australia website at:
[doing business online](#)

Manual Claiming

Please send all claims for payment to:

Veterans' Affairs Processing
Services Australia
GPO Box 964
ADELAIDE SA 5001

DVA provider fillable and printable health care claim forms & service vouchers are also available on the DVA website at:

<https://www.dva.gov.au/providers/provider-forms>