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| **PODIATRISTS**  **SCHEDULE OF FEES**  **EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 2024** | **Australian Government Department of Veterans Affairs logo** |

**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(k).

**The following items do not count toward the 12 sessions of a treatment cycle:**

**F076-78 Multi-disciplinary case conferencing**

**F104-117 Diagnostic**

**F201-386 Orthomechanical**

**F986-987 Consumables**

**F990-991 Reports**

**F984-998 Special Services**

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

**Initial Consultation/Footwear Assessment**

* 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.
* Treatment for White Card holders must be related to an accepted disability. Eligibility must be established before starting treatment.

**Subsequent Consultation/Follow-up Footwear Assessment**

* 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 subsequent consultations cannot be claimed on the same day, unless provided in hospital.

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

**FURTHER INFORMATION TO ASSIST YOU WHEN TREATING MEMBERS OF THE VETERAN COMMUNITY IS CONTAINED IN THE “NOTES FOR PODIATRISTS” AVAILABLE ON THE DVA WEBSITE AT:**

[**http://www.dva.gov.au/providers/allied-health-professionals**](http://www.dva.gov.au/providers/allied-health-professionals)

**FACE-TO-FACE SERVICES**

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| **ITEM NO.** | **DESCRIPTION** | **FEE** | **GST STATUS ++** |
| F004 | Initial Consultation (Initiate new Care Plan) | $92.35 | GST-free |
| F010 | Short Consultation/treatment (up to 15 minutes) | $92.35 | GST-free |
| F012 | Subsequent Consultation | $92.35 | GST-free |
| F008 | Initial Footwear Assessment (Initiate new Care Plan) | $92.35 | GST-free |
| F019 | Follow-up Footwear Assessment/Fitting | $92.35 | GST-free |

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| **ITEM NO.** | **DESCRIPTION** | **FEE** | **GST STATUS ++** |
| F024 | Initial Consultation (Initiate new Care Plan) | $104.15 | GST-free |
| F031 | Short Consultation/treatment (up to 15 minutes) | $92.35 | GST-free |
| F033 | Subsequent Consultation | $92.35 | GST-free |
| F025 | Initial Footwear Assessment (Initiate new Care Plan) | $104.15 | GST-free |
| F026 | Follow-up Footwear Assessment/Fitting | $92.35 | 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 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.

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| **ITEM NO.** | **ITEM DESCRIPTION** | **FEE (excluding GST)** | **GST STATUS ++** |
| F700 | Short Consultation/treatment (up to 15 minutes) Video Conference | $92.35 | GST-free |
| F701 | Short Consultation/treatment (up to 15 minutes) Phone Consultation | $92.35 | GST-free |
| F702 | Subsequent Consultation – Video Conference | $92.35 | GST-free |
| F703 | Subsequent Consultation – Phone Consultation | $92.35 | 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.

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| **ITEM NO.** | **DESCRIPTION** | **FEE (excluding GST)** | **GST STATUS ++** |
| F991 | 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.

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| **ITEM NO.** | **DESCRIPTION** | **FEE (excluding GST)** | **GST STATUS ++** |
| F076 | GP initiated case conference – 15 to less than 20 minutes | $55.65 | GST-free |
| F077 | GP initiated case conference – 20 to less than 40 minutes | $95.45 | GST-free |
| F078 | 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.

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| **ITEM NO.** | **DESCRIPTION** | **FEE** | **GST STATUS ++** |
| F065 | Initial Consultation (Initiate new Care Plan) | $104.15 | GST-free |
| F045 | Short Consultation – 1st Client | $92.35 | GST-free |
| F055 | Subsequent Consultation – 2nd and Subsequent Clients | $92.35 | GST-free |
| F061 | Initial Footwear Assessment (Initiate new Care Plan) | $104.15 | GST-free |
| F062 | Follow-up Footwear Assessment/Fitting – 1st Client | $92.35 | GST-free |
| F063 | Follow-up Footwear Assessment/Fitting – 2nd and Subsequent Clients | $92.35 | 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.

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| **ITEM NO.** | **DESCRIPTION** | **FEE** | **GST STATUS ++** |
| F029 | Initial Consultation (Initiate new Care Plan) | $104.15 | GST-free |
| F047 | Short Consultation – 1st Client | $92.35 | GST-free |
| F057 | Subsequent Consultation – 2nd and Subsequent Clients | $92.35 | GST-free |
| F027 | Initial Footwear Assessment (Initiate new Care Plan) | $104.15 | GST-free |
| F049 | Follow-up Footwear Assessment/Fitting – 1st Client | $92.35 | GST-free |
| F059 | Follow-up Footwear Assessment/Fitting – 2nd and Subsequent Clients | $92.35 | 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.

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| **ITEM NO.** | **DESCRIPTION** | **FEE** | **GST STATUS ++** |
| F075 | Initial Consultation (Initiate new Care Plan) | $104.15 | GST-free |
| F046 | Short Consultation – 1st Client | $92.35 | GST-free |
| F056 | Subsequent Consultation – 2nd and Subsequent Clients | $92.35 | GST-free |
| F070 | Initial Footwear Assessment (Initiate new Care Plan) | $104.15 | GST-free |
| F071 | Follow-up Footwear Assessment/Fitting – 1st Client | $92.35 | GST-free |
| F072 | Follow-up Footwear Assessment/Fitting – 2nd and Subsequent Clients | $92.35 | GST-free |

###### PODIATRIC DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

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| **ITEM NO.** | **DESCRIPTION** | **FEE** | **GST STATUS ++** |
| F104 | Peripheral flow study (Doppler) – arterial and venous.  *Separate clinical notes of this assessment must be maintained* | $97.30 | GST-free |
| F111 | Muscle testing (manual)  *Separate clinical notes of this assessment must be maintained* | $92.35 | GST-free |
| F114 | Range of motion study measurements  *Separate clinical notes of this assessment must be maintained* | $92.35 | GST-free |
| F117 | Gait analysis (visual)  *Separate clinical notes of this assessment must be maintained* | $92.35 | GST-free |

**PHYSICAL PODIATRY**

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| **ITEM NO.** | **DESCRIPTION** | **FEE** | **GST STATUS ++** |
| F125 | Paraffin wax bath | $82.25 | GST-free |
| F145 | Electrophysical therapy (eg: ultrasound, T.E.N.S) | $79.60 | GST-free |
| F147 | Manipulation of joints of the feet | $72.95 | GST-free |

# SPECIAL SERVICES

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| **ITEM NO.** | **DESCRIPTION** | **FEE** | **GST STATUS ++** |
| F984 | Non-DVA Schedule Services – Taxable | FBN | Taxable |
| F985 | Non-DVA Schedule Services – GST-free | FBN | GST-free |
| F998 | Postage  *Claim should be* ***exclusive of GST****, not exceeding the maximum. DVA will automatically add GST to the amount claimed.* | $12.25 | Taxable |

# ORTHOMECHANICAL ITEMS

Items listed in this section must be either:

* covered by section 38-45 of the GST Act; or
* customised or manipulated for the exclusive treatment of the illness or disability of the particular client who is the recipient of the GST-free service and be supplied during a consultation with a recognised professional.

Prices include supply and fitting (unless otherwise stated). Non-customised or non-manipulated items are to be claimed under the new Consumables item F987, or sourced through RAP.

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| **ITEM NO.** | **DESCRIPTION** | **FEE** | **GST STATUS ++** |
| F201 | Ankle/foot orthoses – shelf item, customised.  **Fee includes follow-up consultations and complete initial components such as plain covers and posts.** | $159.90 | GST-free  (38-45) |
| F202 | Ankle/foot orthoses, custom-made.  **Fee includes follow-up consultations and complete initial components such as plain covers and posts.** | $412.70 | GST-free  (38-45) |
| F211 | Orthodigital traction device (single), customised.  **Fee includes follow-up consultations and complete initial components such as plain covers and posts.** | $122.20 | GST-free  (38-45) |
| F221 | Custom Moulded Thermoplastic rigid orthosis (single)  *(custom-made to plaster model, with reference to biomechanical measurements, with intrinsic or extrinsic forefoot or rearfoot modification to influence foot and lower limb alignment)*  **Fee includes follow-up consultations and complete initial components such as plain covers and posts.**  **Limit of two per 365 day period.** | $212.25 | GST-free  (38-45) |
| F222 | Custom Moulded Thermoplastic rigid orthoses (pair).  *(Custom-made to plaster model, with reference to biomechanical measurements, with intrinsic or extrinsic forefoot or rearfoot modification to influence foot and lower limb alignment)*  Fee includes follow-up consultations and complete initial components such as plain covers and posts.  **Limit of one per 365 day period.** | $412.70 | GST-free  (38-45) |
| F261 | Insole (single) plain, customised | $34.40 | GST-free  (38-45) |
| F262 | Insole (pair) plain, customised | $65.40 | GST-free  (38-45) |
| F263 | Insole (single) padded, customised | $73.85 | GST-free  (38-45) |
| **ITEM NO.** | **DESCRIPTION** | **FEE** | **GST STATUS ++** |
| F264 | Insole (pair) padded, customised | $141.80 | GST-free  (38-45) |
| F265 | Custom Moulded balance inlay semi-rigid (eg EVA, rubber) cast orthosis (single)  *(custom-made to uncorrected plaster model for accommodation of deformity and/or pressure relief)*  **Fee includes complete initial components of the device such as plain covers, posts etc.**  **Limit of two per 365 day period** | $181.60 | GST-free  (38-45) |
| F266 | Custom Moulded balance inlay semi-rigid (eg EVA, rubber) cast orthoses (pair)  *(custom-made to uncorrected plaster model for accommodation of deformity and/or pressure relief)*  **Fee includes complete initial components of the device such as plain covers, posts etc.**  **Limit of one per 365 day period.** | $343.60 | GST-free  (38-45) |
| F267 | Custom Moulded balance orthoses (single) - non-cast thermoplastic  *(thermoplastic moulded direct to foot)*  **Fee includes complete initial components of the device such as plain covers, posts etc.** | $124.30 | GST-free  (38-45) |
| F268 | Custom Moulded balance orthoses (pair) - non-cast thermoplastic  *(thermoplastic moulded direct to foot)*  **Fee includes complete initial components of the device such as plain covers, posts etc.** | $198.90 | GST-free  (38-45) |
| F269 | Heel lift (single), customised | $29.95 | GST-free  (38-45) |
| F271 | Shoe padding (permanent- single), customised, eg tri-planar wedges, permanent wedging | $22.45 | GST-free\*\* |
| F303 | Plaster foot cast (single) negative impression of foot and/or one-third leg | $83.65 | GST-free\*\* |
| F304 | Plaster foot cast (pair) negative impression of foot and/or one-third leg | $117.25 | GST-free\*\* |
| F341 | Bunion shield (single), customised | $100.00 | GST-free\*\* |
| **ITEM NO.** | **DESCRIPTION** | **FEE** | **GST STATUS ++** |
| F342 | Interdigital wedge (single), customised | $41.40 | GST-free\*\* |
| F343 | Heel shield (single), customised | $114.85 | GST-free\*\* |
| F344 | Nail brace, customised | $90.50 | GST-free\*\* |
| F381 | Replace Orthosis cover (single) – plain vinyl or leather (initial cover included in cost of orthoses or insole) | $18.50 | GST-free  (38-45) |
| F382 | Replace Orthosis cover (pair) – plain vinyl or leather (initial covers included in cost of orthoses or insole) | $35.80 | GST-free  (38-45) |
| F383 | Orthosis cover (single) – with soft tissue supplement (initial issue or replacement) | $35.00 | GST-free  (38-45) |
| F384 | Orthosis cover (pair) – with soft tissue supplement (initial or replacement) | $67.90 | GST-free  (38-45) |
| F385 | Replace Rearfoot post or forefoot post (single) – rubber/cork/EVA (initial post included in cost of orthoses) | $23.55 | GST-free  (38-45) |
| F386 | Replace Rearfoot post or forefoot post (pair) – rubber/cork/EVA (initial posts included in cost of orthoses) | $45.35 | GST-free  (38-45) |

*\*\* These items are only GST-free for Recognised Professionals. DVA will automatically add GST to these items when claimed by non-Recognised Professionals who are registered for GST.*

***Note 1***

*Second devices from original unaltered casts to be charged at 70% of original fee using identifier "B" to identify reduced service of original item number. Posts and covers as for original supply.*

***Note 2***

*Plain vinyl covers are included in the fee for the device. Spenco, Poron or PPT covers may be charged as extra.*

***Note 3***

*Repairs or modifications to orthotic devices are included in the supply price, within 3 months of supply.*

**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.

From 1 January 2003 all aids and appliances not covered by section 38-45 of the GST Act and which are not listed in this schedule must be sourced through DVA’s Rehabilitation Appliances Program (RAP).

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| F986 | **Consumables clinically required immediately during the consultation/treatment**  *Do not claim for items that the veteran should purchase through a pharmacy or supermarket for ongoing self-management of conditions. Claim invoiced cost only, not exceeding the maximum fee.* | $61.00 | GST-Free  φφ |
| F987 | **Consumables clinically required for treatment after consultation**  *Do not claim for items that the veteran should purchase through a pharmacy or supermarket for ongoing self-management of conditions. Claim invoiced cost only* ***exclusive of GST****, not exceeding the maximum fee. DVA will automatically add GST to the amount claimed.* | $61.00 | Taxable |

###### SURGICAL PODIATRY

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| F470 | Avulsion of nail plate (partial or complete)  Includes 2 follow-up consultations and/or dressings | $176.10 | GST-free |
| F546 | Nail edge avulsion and matrix sterilisation (single edge)  Includes 2 follow-up consultations and/or dressings | $465.85 | GST-free |
| F547 | Nail edge avulsion and matrix sterilisation (total nail)  Includes 2 follow-up consultations and/or dressings | $465.85 | GST-free |
| F548 | Nail edge avulsion and matrix sterilisation - each additional edge | $126.10 | GST-free |

Note -Please refer to the Podiatrists’ Procedural Terminology Manual (PPTM) published by the Australasian Podiatry Council for further information on each item.

**DIRECT SUPPLY TO DVA**

***(Subject to prior financial authorisation)***

Use item number F990 only when DVA contacts you directly to request that you provide:

* a written report; or
* a consultation to an eligible veteran or war widow/widower, either separately or in conjunction with a written report.

For example, this may occur when DVA requires a second opinion concerning treatment for a veteran.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 contractual obligations.***

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| F990 | Report or service specifically requested by DVA. | FBN | Taxable |
| F999 | Kangaroo Island Consultation. | $103.40 | GST-free |

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| **FBN** | Fee by Negotiation |
| **++ 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. |

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| **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](mailto: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](https://www.humanservices.gov.au/organisations/health-professionals/services/medicare/proda). For more information about the online solutions available:   * DVA Webclaim/Technical Support – Phone 1800 700 199 or email [eBusiness@servicesaustralia.gov.au](mailto:eBusiness@humanservices.gov.au) * Billing, banking and claim enquiries – Phone 1300 550 017 * Visit the Services Australia website at:   [doing business online](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/organisations/health-professionals/subjects/doing-business-online-health-professionals)   **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> |