



Information pack – MBS Item 715 template development

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Process for development of MBS Item 715 health check templates

1. Identify principles for inclusion



2. Develop recommendations for content informed by:

- Good quality 715s currently in use (harmonisation process)
- National Guide recommendations



3. Build broad sector consensus based on co-design through harmonisation process, Template Working Group, other consultations



4. Finalise content of MBS Item 715 templates with Template Working Group and Department of Health



5. Confirm recommendations for process of review with Department of Health

Guiding principles for elements of the MBS Item 715 health check

1. Evidence-based age-appropriate
 - Developmental, biomedical and chronic disease risk/healthy lifestyle factors
 - Social and emotional wellbeing
 - Supporting established population health screening programs and other high quality primary healthcare ie checking access to and participation in
 - Population health programs eg immunisation, cancer screening (cervix, breast, bowel), early years developmental tracking
 - Chronic disease management eg diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, asthma, dementia
 - Other primary care services eg dental care
 - Building understanding of the patient context (including, but not limited to, social determinants)
 - Supported by review of representative sample of 715 health check templates currently in use (harmonisation process)
2. Acceptable and valuable to patients (patient centred at its core)
 - Culturally safe
 - Respectful of patient priorities and goals
 - In context of trust/relationship
3. Clarity regarding recommended *core* elements (to always be completed) and *extensions* (to be completed depending on patient/clinical indications, geographical context, local preferences & priorities, etc)
4. Feasibility to deliver
 - Considering differences in ACCHSs and non-ACCHSs especially with respect to cultural safety and patient experience
 - Availability of workforce and technical requirements



List of MBS Item 715 templates included in harmonisation process

Template/s	State
Katherine West Health Board	NT
Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation	VIC
Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service	WA
Katungal Aboriginal Health Service	NSW
Watto Purrunga Aboriginal Health Service	SA
Dr Mick Creati research project on 715 health checks for young people	VIC
Gurriny Aboriginal Health Service	QLD
Inala Indigenous Health Service	QLD
Institute for Urban Indigenous Health	QLD
Current MBS templates	National

Template development working group

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