

## Examples of Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) complexity

- The letter sent to GPs states that item 10997 can be claimed if the patient has an existing GP Management Plan (GPMP), Team Care Arrangement (TCA) or Multidisciplinary Care Plan in place. However, the [AskMBS Advisory](#) on GP services (page 5) states that it **would not be expected** that item 10997 would be **routinely** claimed on the same day as items 721 or 723.
  - This indicates there are circumstances when items 721/723 and 10997 can be co-claimed.
  - It could also be interpreted to mean that you can only bill both items for a patient on the same day if they visit the practice for two separate attendances.
- The letter contradicts itself by stating that item 10997 **should not be claimed** for assistance provided to a GP to prepare or review a GPMP/TCAs but claiming these items on the same day is **not restricted**.
- While co-claiming is not restricted, the letter does not explain under what circumstances it would be appropriate to do so.
- Item 10997 is intended to be used between structured reviews of a care plan by the patient's usual GP. However, both [MBS Note MN.12.4](#) and the [AskMBS Advisory](#) state that item 10997 can be used to collect information to **support GP/medical practitioner reviews** of care plans.
- The explanatory materials state that item 10997 can be used to **support** GP reviews of care plans, but the letter states that item 10997 should not be claimed for **assistance** provided to a GP to prepare or review a care plan. It is unclear how the Department distinguishes between 'support' and 'assist'.
- Neither [MBS Note MN.12.4](#) or the [AskMBS Advisory](#) explicitly state that item 10997 cannot be co-claimed with item 732 (review of GPMP/TCAs).