



Refugee Health Queensland

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Important changes to Refugee Health Assessment Medicare 714 item number

As part of the general review of Medicare Primary Care Items announced by the Australian Government in December 2009, the Refugee Health Assessment Medicare Item 714 will no longer exist from 1st May 2010.

Health assessments for target groups, including **refugee and humanitarian entrant patients**, will be based on **time taken** to perform the assessment.

The new item numbers for **refugee and humanitarian entrant patients** are:

Item number	Description	Fee
701	Brief	\$55.00
703	Standard	\$127.80
705	Long	\$176.30
707	Prolonged consultation	\$249.10

Fact sheets outlining the details of these changes are available on

http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mbsprimarycareitems_information_1may2010.htm

All Refugee Health Queensland clinics will continue to perform health assessments on all newly arrived refugees and provide summaries to Community GPs. As was previously the case, only patients seen through the Brisbane Clinic will have had the Health Assessment Item claimed prior to being referred to a community GP.

NB The time taken by Private General Practice Nurses to assist the GP with the Health Assessment **may be added** to the Doctors consultation time.

Please contact **Refugee Health Queensland** if you have any questions regarding these changes on **(07) 3163 2880**.

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