

## Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine 2009

### NATIONAL REFERENCE PRICE LIST FOR SERVICES BY ACUPUNCTURE & CHINESE MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JANUARY 2009

The following reference price list is not a set of tariffs that must be applied by medical schemes and/or providers. It is rather intended to serve as a baseline against which medical schemes can individually determine benefit levels and health service providers can individually determine fees charged to patients. Medical schemes may, for example, determine in their rules that their benefit in respect of a particular health service is equivalent to a specified percentage of the national health reference price list. It is especially intended to serve as a basis for negotiation between individual funders and individual health care providers with a view to facilitating agreements which will minimise balance billing against members of medical schemes. Should individual medical schemes wish to determine benefit structures, and individual providers determine fee structures, on some other basis without reference to this list, they may do so as well.

In calculating the prices in this schedule, the following rounding method is used: Values R10 and below rounded to the nearest cent, R10+ rounded to the nearest 10cent. Modifier values are rounded to the nearest cent. When new item prices are calculated, e.g. when applying a modifier, the same rounding scheme should be followed.

VAT EXCLUSIVE PRICES APPEAR IN BRACKETS.

#### RULES

01	All accounts must be presented with the following information clearly stated: - name of the practitioner - qualifications of the practitioner - BHF practice number - Postal address and telephone number - Date on which the service(s) were provided - Applicable item codes - The nature of the treatment - The surname and initials of the member - The first name of the patient - The name of the medical scheme - The membership number of the patient - The name and practice number of the referring practitioner	09.00
02	When two separate acupuncture techniques are used, each treatment shall be regarded as a separate treatment for which fees may be charged for separately.	09.00
03	Not more than two separate techniques may be charged for at each session.	09.00
04	The maximum number of acupuncture treatments per course to be charged for is limited to ten. If further treatment is required at the end of this period of treatment, it should be negotiated with the patient.	09.00

#### ITEMS

1. Consultations				
	Consultation encompasses consultation, history taking, patient examination and assessment, side room diagnostic tests, counseling and/or diagnosis			09.00
Code	Description	Ver	Add	Chinese Medicine & Acupuncture
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1100	Consultation (up to 15 mins)	09.00		10.000 93.80 (82.30)
1101	Consultation (16-30 mins)	09.00		22.500 211.10 (185.10)
1102	Consultation (31-45 min)	09.00		37.500 351.80 (308.60)
1103	Consultation (46-60 min)	09.00		52.500 492.50 (432.00)
1110	Consultation, each additional full 15 mins beyond 60 mins	09.00		15.000 140.70 (123.40)
2. Treatments				
3100	First treatment (needles, plus maximum of two speciality therapy techniques)	09.00		39.524 370.70 (325.20)
3200	Follow-up treatment (needles, plus maximum of two speciality therapy techniques)	09.00		36.145 339.00 (297.40)
3. Speciality Therapy Techniques				
4010	Moxibustion	09.00		22.770 213.60 (187.40)
4020	Cupping	09.00		19.493 182.80 (160.40)
4030	Dermal needle therapy (plum-blossom or seven-star)	09.00		18.184 170.60 (149.60)
4040	Auricular therapy (micro acupuncture)	09.00		32.146 301.50 (264.50)
4050	Scalp acupuncture	09.00		27.308 256.10 (224.70)
4060	Shilao (diet therapy)	09.00		23.712 222.40 (195.10)
4070	Tui-Na (massage/pressure)	09.00		34.226 321.00 (281.60)