

Social Workers 2009

NATIONAL REFERENCE PRICE LIST FOR SERVICES BY SOCIAL WORKERS, EFFECTIVE 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.

GENERAL RULES

005	Every practitioner shall render a monthly account in respect of any service rendered during the month, irrespective of whether or not the treatment has been completed. NB. Every account shall contain the following particulars: a) The surname and initials of the member; b) The surname, first name and other initials, if any, of the patient; c) The name of the scheme concerned; d) The membership number of the member; e) The practice code number, group practice number and individual provider registration number issued by the registering authorities for providers, if applicable, of the supplier of service and, in the case of a group practice, the name of the practitioner who provided the service; f) the relevant diagnostic and such other item code numbers that relates to such relevant health service; g) The date on which each relevant health service was rendered; h) The relevant diagnostic codes and NHRPL item code numbers relating to the health service rendered.	04.00
006	It is recommended that, when such benefits are granted, drugs, consumables and disposable items used during a procedure or issued to a patient on discharge will only be reimbursed by a medical scheme if the appropriate code is supplied on the account.	04.00
007	Where emergency treatment is provided: a. during working hours, and the provision of such treatment requires the practitioner to leave her or his practice to attend to the patient at another venue; or b. after working hours the fee for such visits shall be the total fee plus 50%. For purposes of this rule: a. "emergency treatment" means a bona fide, justifiable emergency social work service, where failure to provide the service immediately would result in serious or irreparable psychological or functional impairment b. "working hours" means 8h00 to 17h00, Monday to Friday. Modifier 0003 must be quoted after the appropriate code number(s) to indicate that this rule is applicable.	04.00
008	Compilation of reports is only to be included within billable time if these reports are for purposes of motivating for therapy and/or giving a progress report and/or a pre-authorisation report, and where such a report is specifically required by the medical scheme. Maximum billable time for such a report is 15 minutes.	05.03

Modifiers

0003	Add 50% of the total fee for the treatment	04.00
0021	Services rendered to hospital inpatients: Quote modifier 0021 on all accounts for services performed on hospital inpatients.	04.00
0022	Services rendered at patients residence: Quote modifier 0022 on all accounts for services performed at the patients residence.	04.00

ITEMS

Code	Description	Ver	Add	Social Workers	
				RVU	Fee
107	Appointment not kept (schemes will not necessarily grant benefits in respect of this item, it will fall into the "By arrangement with the scheme" or "Patient own account" category).	04.00		-	-
200	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 1-10min.	05.03		0.500	26.80 (23.50)
201	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 11-20min.	05.03		1.500	80.30 (70.40)
202	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 21-30min.	05.03		2.500	133.80 (117.30)
203	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 31-40min.	05.03		3.500	187.30 (164.30)
204	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 41-50min.	05.03		4.500	240.80 (211.20)
205	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 51-60min.	05.03		5.500	294.30 (258.10)
206	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 61-70min.	05.03		6.500	347.80 (305.00)
207	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 71-80min.	05.03		7.500	401.30 (352.00)
208	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 81-90min.	05.03		8.500	454.80 (398.90)
209	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 91-100min.	05.03		9.500	508.30 (445.80)

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210	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 101-110min.	05.03		10.500	561.80 (492.80)
211	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 111-120min.	05.03		11.500	615.30 (539.70)
Group consultation, counselling or therapy					
	Group consultation, counselling and/or therapy items are chargeable to a maximum of 12 patients.				05.03
300	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 1-10min.	05.03		0.100	5.35 (4.69)
301	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 11-20min.	05.03		0.300	16.10 (14.10)
302	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 21-30min.	05.03		0.500	26.80 (23.50)
303	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 31-40min.	05.03		0.700	37.50 (32.90)
304	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 41-50min.	05.03		0.900	48.20 (42.20)
305	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 51-60min.	05.03		1.100	58.90 (51.60)
306	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 61-70min.	05.03		1.300	69.60 (61.00)
307	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 71-80min.	05.03		1.500	80.30 (70.40)
308	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 81-90min.	05.03		1.700	91.00 (79.80)
309	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 91-100min.	05.03		1.900	101.70 (89.20)
310	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 101-110min.	05.03		2.100	112.40 (98.60)
311	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 111-120min.	05.03		2.300	123.10 (107.90)