

Chiropractors 2006

NATIONAL REFERENCE PRICE LIST FOR SERVICES BY CHIROPRACTORS EFFECTIVE FROM 1 JANUARY 2006

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

001	All accounts must be presented with the following information clearly stated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · name of chiropractor; · qualifications of the chiropractor; · BHF practice number; · postal address and telephone number; · date on which service(s) were provided; · The relevant diagnostic codes and NHRPL item code numbers relating to the health service rendered; · the surname and initials of the member; · the first name of the patient; · the name of the scheme; · the membership number of the member; · a statement of whether the account is in accordance with the National Reference Price List; and · the name and practice number of the referring practitioner, if applicable. 	04.00
002	The consultation code may be charged only once at the same consultation or visit. Consultation includes history taking, guidance, education, health promotion and/or consultation.	04.00
003	A maximum of three diagnostic procedures may be charged at the same consultation or visit. Diagnostic procedures include physical examination, neurological examination, orthopaedic examination, ergonomical analysis, postural analysis and radiological examination	05.06
004	A maximum of three treatment procedures may be charged at the same consultation or visit for any single diagnosis. Treatment procedures include, inter alia: spinal or extra-spinal manipulation, acupuncture, cold applications, non-heating modalities, deep heating radiation, soft tissue manipulation, superficial heating therapy and therapeutic exercises (other than in relation to preparation or fitting of appliances).	05.02
005	After a series of 12 treatments in respect of one patient for the same condition, the practitioner concerned shall report to the scheme as soon as possible if further treatment is necessary. Payment for treatment in excess of the stipulated number may be granted by the scheme after receipt of a letter from the practitioner concerned, motivating the need for such treatment.	05.03
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.	05.03

MODIFIERS

CHIROPRACTORS RECOMMENDED REIMBURSEMENT RATES

1 Consultations					
Code	Description	Ver	Add	Chiropractic	
				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).	05.02			
301	Consultation	05.03		25.000	88.30 (77.50)
2 Diagnostic procedures					
Only a single item from this section may be charged per patient encounter					05.03
Radiation Control Council Certificate number to be on account if X-Rays charged					04.00
311	Single diagnostic procedure	05.03		25.000	88.30 (77.50)
312	Two diagnostic procedures	05.03		37.500	132.50 (116.20)
313	Three diagnostic procedures	05.05		50.000	176.60 (154.90)
3 Immobilisation or therapeutic exercises in relation to preparation or fitting of appliances					
Only a single item from this section may be charged per patient encounter					05.03
321	Single instance of immobilization or therapeutic exercises	05.03		10.000	35.30 (31.00)
322	Two instances of immobilization or therapeutic exercises	05.03		15.000	53.00 (46.50)
4 Treatment (therapeutic procedures)					
Only a single item from this section may be charged per patient encounter					05.03

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331	Single treatment procedure	05.03		10.000	35.30 (31.00)
332	Two treatment procedures	05.03		15.000	53.00 (46.50)
333	Three treatment procedures	05.03		20.000	70.60 (61.90)
334	Four treatment procedures	05.03		25.000	88.30 (77.50)
335	Five treatment procedures	05.03		30.000	106.00 (93.00)
336	Six treatment procedures	05.03		35.000	123.60 (108.40)
5	Consumables				
	<p>The amount charged in respect of medicines and scheduled substances shall not exceed the limits prescribed in the Regulations Relating to a Transparent Pricing System for Medicines and Scheduled Substances, dated 30 April 2004, made in terms of the Medicines and Related Substances Act, 1965 (Act No 101 of 1965).</p> <p>In relation to all other materials, items are to be charged (exclusive of VAT) at net acquisition price plus -</p> <p>* 26% of the net acquisition price where the net acquisition price of that material is less than one hundred rands; and</p> <p>* a maximum of twenty six rands where the net acquisition price of that material is greater than or equal to one hundred rands.</p>				05.03
100	Medication / material: Charge for medication or material, identified by the appropriate Nappi code.	05.06		-	-
110	X-Ray films	06.00		-	-