

Dieticians 2006

NATIONAL REFERENCE PRICE LIST FOR SERVICES BY DIETICIANS 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

003	Dietary services are per individual patient.	04.00
004	Each practitioner must acquaint him-/herself with the provisions of the Medical Schemes Act, as amended, and the regulations promulgated under the Act and 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The name and practice code number of the referring practitioner. · The name of the member. · The name of the patient. · The name of the medical scheme. · The membership number of the member. · The nature of the treatment. · The date on which the service was rendered. · The relevant diagnostic codes and NHRPL item code numbers relating to the health service rendered. 	04.00
005	When multiple diagnoses apply every applicable diagnosis shall be specified on the statement.	04.00
010	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
011	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

0021	Services to hospital inpatients: Quote modifier 0021 on all accounts for services performed on hospital inpatients.	04.00
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ITEMS

1. INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT, COUNSELLING AND/OR TREATMENT					
Code	Description	Ver	Add	Dietetics	
				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	Nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment. Duration: 1-10min.	05.03		0.500	21.90 (19.20)
201	Nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment. Duration: 11-20min.	05.03		1.500	65.60 (57.50)
202	Nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment. Duration: 21-30min.	05.03		2.500	109.30 (95.90)
203	Nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment. Duration: 31-40min.	05.03		3.500	153.00 (134.20)
204	Nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment. Duration: 41-50min.	05.03		4.500	196.70 (172.50)
205	Nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment. Duration: 51-60min.	05.03		5.500	240.40 (210.90)
206	Nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment. Duration: 61-70min.	05.03		6.500	284.10 (249.20)
207	Nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment. Duration: 71-80min.	05.03		7.500	327.80 (287.50)
208	Nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment. Duration: 81-90min.	05.03		8.500	371.60 (326.00)
209	Nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment. Duration: 91-100min.	05.03		9.500	415.30 (364.30)
210	Nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment. Duration: 101-110min.	05.03		10.500	459.00 (402.60)
211	Nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment. Duration: 111-120min.	05.03		11.500	502.70 (441.00)
2. GROUP ASSESSMENT, COUNSELLING AND/OR TREATMENT					
	Group nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment items are chargeable to a maximum of 12 patients.				05.03
300	Group nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment, per patient. Duration: 1-10min.	05.03		0.100	4.37 (3.83)
301	Group nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment, per patient. Duration: 11-20min.	05.03		0.300	13.10 (11.50)
302	Group nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment, per patient. Duration: 21-30min.	05.03		0.500	21.90 (19.20)

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303	Group nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment, per patient. Duration: 31-40min.	05.03		0.700	30.60 (26.80)
304	Group nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment, per patient. Duration: 41-50min.	05.03		0.900	39.30 (34.50)
305	Group nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment, per patient. Duration: 51-60min.	05.03		1.100	48.10 (42.20)
306	Group nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment, per patient. Duration: 61-70min.	05.03		1.300	56.80 (49.80)
307	Group nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment, per patient. Duration: 71-80min.	05.03		1.500	65.60 (57.50)
308	Group nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment, per patient. Duration: 81-90min.	05.03		1.700	74.30 (65.20)
309	Group nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment, per patient. Duration: 91-100min.	05.03		1.900	83.10 (72.90)
310	Group nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment, per patient. Duration: 101-110min.	05.03		2.100	91.80 (80.50)
311	Group nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment, per patient. Duration: 111-120min.	05.03		2.300	100.50 (88.20)