

Health Insurance (Allied Health Services) Amendment (Psychological Telehealth Services) Determination 2017

Health Insurance Act 1973

I, Michael Ryan, delegate of the Minister for Health, make this Determination under subsection 3C (1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

Dated 28 September 2017

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
POSITION NUMBER: 01202529

1 Name

This Determination is the *Health Insurance (Allied Health Services)* Amendment (Psychological Telehealth Services) Determination 2017.

2 Commencement

This Determination commences on 1 November 2017.

3 Authority

This Determination is made under section 3C of the *Health Insurance Act* 1973.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1 Amendment

Health Insurance (Allied Health Services) Determination 2014

1 Subsection 4(1)

Insert:

telehealth eligible area has the meaning given by section 6D.

2 Subsection 6(2)

Repeal the subsection.

3 Subsection 6(3)

Omit "From 1 January 2013, for", substitute "For".

4 Subsection 6(4)

Repeal the section, substitute:

(4) In this section *relevant service* means a service to which any of items 2721 to 2727 of the general medical services table, or items 80000 to 80015, 80100 to 80115, 80125 to 80140, or 80150 to 80165 in Schedule 2, apply.

5 Subsection 6A(2)

Repeal the subsection, substitute:

(2) The items are items 80020, 80021, 80120, 80121, 80145, 80146, 80170 and 80171 in Schedule 2.

6 After section 6A

Insert:

6B Limitation on certain individual telehealth items

- (1) This section applies to items 80001, 80011, 80101, 80111, 80126, 80136, 80151 and 80161 in Schedule 2.
- (2) For any particular patient, an item mentioned in subsection (1) applies to a service provided in a calendar year only if:
 - (a) it is one of the first 7 telehealth individual services provided to the patient in the year; and
 - (b) it is one of the first 10 services that is either a telehealth individual service or personal individual service provided to the patient in the year; and
 - (c) where the service is the fourth or subsequent telehealth individual service provided to the patient in the calendar year the patient has previously received at least one personal individual service in the year.

- (3) An item mentioned in subsection (1) does not apply to a service if the patient or the allied health professional has travelled to a place to satisfy the requirement in paragraph (f) of the item.
- (4) In this section:
 - (a) *telehealth individual service* means a service mentioned in any of items 80001, 80011, 80101, 80111, 80126, 80136, 80151 and 80161 in Schedule 2;
 - (b) *personal individual service* means a service mentioned in any of items 2721 to 2727 of the general medical services table or items 80000, 80005, 80010, 80015, 80100, 80105, 80110, 80115, 80125, 80130, 80135, 80140, 80150, 80155, 80160 and 80165 in Schedule 2.

6C Limitation on certain group telehealth items

- (1) This section applies to items 80021, 80121, 80146 and 80171 in Schedule 2.
- (2) For any particular patient, an item mentioned in subsection (1) applies to a service provided in a calendar year only if:
 - (a) it is one of the first 7 telehealth group services provided to the patient in the year; and
 - (b) it is one of the first 10 services that is either a telehealth group service or personal group service provided to the patient in the year; and
 - (c) where the service is the fourth or subsequent telehealth group service provided to the patient in the calendar year the patient has previously received at least one personal group service in the year.
- (3) An item mentioned in subsection (1) does not apply if the patient or the allied health professional has travelled to a place to satisfy the requirement in paragraph (e) of the item.
- (4) In this section:
 - (a) *telehealth group service* means a service mentioned in any of items 80021, 80121, 80146 and 80171 in Schedule 2;
 - (b) *personal group service* means a service mentioned in any of items 80020, 80120, 80145 and 80170 in Schedule 2.

6D Telehealth eligible areas

- (1) A *telehealth eligible area* means an area within:
 - (a) Modified Monash area 4, being all areas categorised as ASGS-RA 2 or ASGS-RA 3 under the ASGS that are not in Modified Monash areas 2 or 3, and are in, or within 10 kilometre road distance of, a town with population between 5,000 and 15,000; or

- (b) Modified Monash area 5, being all areas categorised as ASGS-RA 2 or ASGS-RA 3 under the ASGS that are not in Modified Monash areas 2, 3 or 4; or
- (c) Modified Monash area 6, being all areas categorised as ASGS-RA 4 under the ASGS that are not on a populated island that is separated from the mainland in the Australian Bureau of Statistics geography and is more than 5 kilometres offshore; or
- (d) Modified Monash area 7, being all areas categorised as ASGS-RA 5 under the ASGS and areas on a populated island that is separated from the mainland in the Australian Bureau of Statistics geography and is more than 5 kilometres offshore.

(2) In this section:

- (a) **ASGS** means the geographical framework known as the Australian Statistical Geography Standard, July 2011 edition, published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics;
- (b) *Modified Monash area 2* means areas categorised as ASGS-RA 2 or ASGS-RA 3 under the ASGS that are in, or within 20 kilometres road distance of, a town with population >50,000; and
- (c) *Modified Monash area 3* means areas categorised as ASGS-RA 2 or ASGS-RA 3 under the ASGS that are not in Modified Monash area 2 and are in, or within 15 kilometres road distance of, a town with population between 15,001 and 50,000.
- Note 1: The Modified Monash Model is a geographical classification system developed by the Department for categorising metropolitan, regional, rural and remote locations according to both geographical remoteness and population size, based on population data published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The Department uses the ASGS system as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in July 2011, but has different numbering system.

Note 2: In 2017, maps of the Modified Monash Model areas and the Department's remoteness classification were available at www.doctorconnect.gov.au.

7 Subsection 7(1)

Repeal the subsection, substitute:

(1) This section applies to items 80000 to 80171 in Schedule 2.

8 Schedule 2, Part 2

Repeal the Part, substitute:

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Psychological therapy health service provided to a person in consulting rooms (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible clinical psychologist if:

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- (a) the person is referred by:
 - (i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or
 - (ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or
 - (iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and
- (b) the service is provided to the person individually and in person;
- (c) at the completion of a course of treatment, the referring medical practitioner reviews the need for a further course of treatment; and
- (d) on the completion of the course of treatment, the eligible clinical psychologist gives a written report to the referring medical practitioner on assessments carried out, treatment provided and recommendations on future management of the person's condition; and
- (e) the service is at least 30 minutes but less than 50 minutes duration

This item is subject to sections 6, 7 and 9

Psychological therapy health service provided to a person (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible clinical psychologist if:

- (a) the person is referred by:
 - (i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or
 - (ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or
 - (iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and
- (b) the service is provided to the person individually; and
- (c) the attendance is by video conference; and
- (d) the patient is not an admitted patient; and
- (e) the patient is located within a telehealth eligible area; and
- (f) the patient is, at the time of the attendance, at least 15 kilometres by road from the clinical psychologist; and
- (g) at the completion of a course of treatment, the referring medical practitioner reviews the need for a further course of treatment; and
- (h) on the completion of the course of treatment, the eligible clinical psychologist gives a written report to the referring medical practitioner on assessments carried out, treatment provided and recommendations on future management of the person's

	condition; and	
	(i) the service is at least 30 minutes but less than 50 minutes duration	
	This item is subject to sections 6B, 7 and 9	
80005	Psychological therapy health service provided to a person at a place other than consulting rooms (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible clinical psychologist in accordance with the requirements of item 80000	124.65
	This item is subject to sections 6, 7 and 9	
80010	Psychological therapy health service provided to a person in consulting rooms (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible clinical psychologist if:	146.45
	(a) the person is referred by:	
	(i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or	
	(ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or	
	(iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and	
	(b) the service is provided to the person individually and in person; and	
	 (c) at the completion of a course of treatment, the referring medical practitioner reviews the need for a further course of treatment; and 	
	(d) on the completion of the course of treatment, the eligible clinical psychologist gives a written report to the referring medical practitioner on assessments carried out, treatment provided and recommendations on future management of the person's condition; and	
	(e) the service is at least 50 minutes duration	
	This item is subject to sections 6, 7 and 9	
80011	Psychological therapy health service provided to a person (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible clinical psychologist if:	146.45
	(a) the person is referred by:	
	(i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or	
	(ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or	
	(iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and	
	(b) the service is provided to the person individually; and	
	(c) the attendance is by video conference; and	
	(d) the patient is not an admitted patient; and	
	(e) the patient is located within a telehealth eligible area; and	

	(f) the patient is, at the time of the attendance, at least 15 kilometres by road from the clinical psychologist; and	
	 (g) at the completion of a course of treatment, the referring medical practitioner reviews the need for a further course of treatment; and 	
	(h) on the completion of the course of treatment, the eligible clinical psychologist gives a written report to the referring medical practitioner on assessments carried out, treatment provided and recommendations on future management of the person's condition; and	
	(i) the service is at least 50 minutes duration	
	This item is subject to sections 6B, 7 and 9	
80015	Psychological therapy health service provided to a person at a place other than consulting rooms (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible clinical psychologist in accordance with the requirements of item 80010	171.35
	This item is subject to sections 6, 7 and 9	
80020	Psychological therapy health service provided to a person as part of a group of 6 to 10 patients (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible clinical psychologist if:	37.20
	(a) the person is referred by:	
	(i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or	
	(ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or	
	(iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and	
	(b) the service is provided in person; and	
	(c) the service is at least 60 minutes duration;	
	This item is subject to sections 6A, 7 and 9	
80021	Psychological therapy health service provided to a person as part of a group of 6 to 10 patients (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible clinical psychologist if:	37.20
	(a) the person is referred by:	
	(i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or	
	(ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or	
	(iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and	
	(b) the attendance is by video conference; and	
	(c) the patient is not an admitted patient; and	
	(d) the patient is located within a telehealth eligible area; and	
	(e) the patient is, at the time of the attendance, at least 15 kilometres	

by road from the clinical psychologist; and (f) the service is at least 60 minutes duration This item is subject to sections 6C, 7 and 9 80100 Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person 70.65 in consulting rooms (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible psychologist if: (a) the person is referred by: (i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or (ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or (iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and (b) the service is provided to the person individually and in person; (c) at the completion of a course of treatment, the referring medical practitioner reviews the need for a further course of treatment; and (d) on the completion of the course of treatment, the eligible psychologist gives a written report to the referring medical practitioner on assessments carried out, treatment provided and recommendations on future management of the person's condition; and (e) the service is at least 20 minutes but less than 50 minutes duration This item is subject to sections 6, 7 and 9 80101 Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person 70.65 (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible psychologist if: (a) the person is referred by: (i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or (ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or (iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and (b) the service is provided to the person individually; and (c) the attendance is by video conference; and (d) the patient is not an admitted patient; and (e) the patient is located within a telehealth eligible area; and (f) the patient is, at the time of the attendance, at least 15 kilometres by road from the psychologist; and (g) at the completion of a course of treatment, the referring medical practitioner reviews the need for a further course of treatment;

	and	
	(h) on the completion of the course of treatment, the eligible psychologist gives a written report to the referring medical practitioner on assessments carried out, treatment provided and recommendations on future management of the person's condition; and	
	(i) the service is at least 20 minutes but less than 50 minutes duration	
	This item is subject to sections 6B, 7 and 9	
80105	Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person at a place other than consulting rooms (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible psychologist in accordance with the requirements of item 80100	96.15
	This item is subject to sections 6, 7 and 9	
80110	Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person in consulting rooms (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible psychologist if:	99.75
	(a) the person is referred by:	
	(i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or	
	(ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or	
	(iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and	
	(b) the service is provided to the person individually and in person; and	
	(c) at the completion of a course of treatment, the referring medical practitioner reviews the need for a further course of treatment; and	
	(d) on the completion of the course of treatment, the eligible psychologist gives a written report to the referring medical practitioner on assessments carried out, treatment provided and recommendations on future management of the person's condition; and	
	(e) the service is at least 50 minutes duration	
	This item is subject to sections 6, 7 and 9	
80111	Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible psychologist if:	99.75
	(a) the person is referred by:	
	(i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or	
	(ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or	

- (iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and
- (b) the service is provided to the person individually; and
- (c) the attendance is by video conference; and
- (d) the patient is not an admitted patient; and
- (e) the patient is located within a telehealth eligible area; and
- (f) the patient is, at the time of the attendance, at least 15 kilometres by road from the psychologist; and
- (g) at the completion of a course of treatment, the referring medical practitioner reviews the need for a further course of treatment; and
- (h) on the completion of the course of treatment, the eligible psychologist gives a written report to the referring medical practitioner on assessments carried out, treatment provided and recommendations on future management of the person's condition; and
- (i) the service is at least 50 minutes duration

This item is subject to sections 6B, 7 and 9

Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person at a place other than consulting rooms (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible psychologist in accordance with the requirements of item 80110

This item is subject to sections 6, 7 and 9

Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person as part of a group of 6 to 10 patients (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible psychologist if:

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- (a) the person is referred by:
 - (i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or
 - (ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or
 - (iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and
- (b) the service is provided in person; and
- (c) the service is at least 60 minutes duration;

This item is subject to sections 6A, 7 and 9

80121	Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person as part of a group of 6 to 10 patients (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible psychologist if:	25.45
	(a) the person is referred by:	
	(i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or	
	(ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or	
	(iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and	
	(b) the attendance is by video conference; and	
	(c) the patient is not an admitted patient; and	
	(d) the patient is located within a telehealth eligible area; and	
	(e) the patient is, at the time of the attendance, at least 15 kilometres by road from the psychologist; and	
	(f) the service is at least 60 minutes duration	
	This item is subject to sections 6C, 7 and 9	
80125	Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person in consulting rooms (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible occupational therapist if:	62.25
	(a) the person is referred by:	
	(i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or	
	(ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or	
	(iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and	
	(b) the service is provided to the person individually and in person; and	
	 (c) at the completion of a course of treatment, the referring medical practitioner reviews the need for a further course of treatment; and 	
	(d) on the completion of the course of treatment, the eligible occupational therapist gives a written report to the referring medical practitioner on assessments carried out, treatment provided and recommendations on future management of the person's condition; and	
	(e) the service is at least 20 minutes but less than 50 minutes duration	
	This item is subject to sections 6, 7 and 9	
80126	Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible occupational therapist if:	62.25
	(a) the person is referred by:	

- (i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or
- (ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or
- (iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and
- (b) the service is provided to the person individually; and
- (c) the attendance is by video conference; and
- (d) the patient is not an admitted patient; and
- (e) the patient is located within a telehealth eligible area; and
- (f) the patient is, at the time of the attendance, at least 15 kilometres by road from the occupational therapist; and
- (g) at the completion of a course of treatment, the referring medical practitioner reviews the need for a further course of treatment; and
- (h) on the completion of the course of treatment, the eligible occupational therapist gives a written report to the referring medical practitioner on assessments carried out, treatment provided and recommendations on future management of the person's condition; and
- (i) the service is at least 20 minutes but less than 50 minutes duration

This item is subject to sections 6B, 7 and 9

Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person at a place other than consulting rooms (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible occupational therapist in accordance with the requirements of item 80125

This item is subject to sections 6, 7 and 9

Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person in consulting rooms (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible occupational therapist if:

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- (a) the person is referred by:
 - (i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or
 - (ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or
 - (iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and
- (b) the service is provided to the person individually and in person;and
- (c) at the completion of a course of treatment, the referring medical practitioner reviews the need for a further course of treatment; and
- (d) on the completion of the course of treatment, the eligible occupational therapist gives a written report to the referring medical practitioner on assessments carried out, treatment provided and recommendations on future management of the person's condition; and
- (e) the service is at least 50 minutes duration

This item is subject to sections 6, 7 and 9

Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible occupational therapist if:

- (a) the person is referred by:
 - (i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or
 - (ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or
 - (iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and
- (b) the service is provided to the person individually; and
- (c) the attendance is by video conference; and
- (d) the patient is not an admitted patient; and
- (e) the patient is located within a telehealth eligible area; and
- (f) the patient is, at the time of the attendance, at least 15 kilometres by road from the occupational therapist; and
- (g) at the completion of a course of treatment, the referring medical practitioner reviews the need for a further course of treatment; and
- (h) on the completion of the course of treatment, the eligible occupational therapist gives a written report to the referring medical practitioner on assessments carried out, treatment provided and recommendations on future management of the

	person's condition; and	
	(i) the service is at least 50 minutes duration	
	This item is subject to sections 6B, 7 and 9	
80140	Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person at a place other than consulting rooms (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible occupational therapist in accordance with the requirements of item 80135	113.35
	This item is subject to sections 6, 7 and 9	
80145	Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person as part of a group of 6 to 10 patients (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible occupational therapist if:	22.35
	(a) the person is referred by:	
	(i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or	
	(ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or	
	(iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and	
	(b) the service is provided in person; and	
	(c) the service is at least 60 minutes duration;	
	This item is subject to sections 6A, 7 and 9	
80146	Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person as part of a group of 6 to 10 patients (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible occupational therapist if:	22.35
	(a) the person is referred by:	
	(i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or	
	(ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or	
	(iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and	
	(b) the attendance is by video conference; and	
	(c) the patient is not an admitted patient; and	
	(d) the patient is located within a telehealth eligible area; and	
	(e) the patient is, at the time of the attendance, at least 15 kilometres by road from the occupational therapist; and	
	(f) the service is at least 60 minutes duration	
	This item is subject to sections 6C, 7 and 9	
80150	Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person in consulting rooms (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible social worker if:	62.25
	(a) the person is referred by:	

- (i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or
- (ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or
- (iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and
- (b) the service is provided to the person individually and in person;and
- (c) at the completion of a course of treatment, the referring medical practitioner reviews the need for a further course of treatment; and
- (d) on the completion of the course of treatment, the eligible social worker gives a written report to the referring medical practitioner on assessments carried out, treatment provided and recommendations on future management of the person's condition; and
- (e) the service is at least 20 minutes but less than 50 minutes duration

This item is subject to sections 6, 7 and 9

Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible social worker if:

- (a) the person is referred by:
 - (i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or
 - (ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or
 - (iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and
- (b) the service is provided to the person individually; and
- (c) the attendance is by video conference; and
- (d) the patient is not an admitted patient; and
- (e) the patient is located within a telehealth eligible area; and
- (f) the patient is, at the time of the attendance, at least 15 kilometres by road from the social worker; and
- (g) at the completion of a course of treatment, the referring medical practitioner reviews the need for a further course of treatment; and
- (h) on the completion of the course of treatment, the eligible social worker gives a written report to the referring medical practitioner on assessments carried out, treatment provided and recommendations on future management of the person's condition; and
- (i) the service is at least 20 minutes but less than 50 minutes duration

	This item is subject to sections 6B, 7 and 9	
80155	Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person at a place other than consulting rooms (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible social worker in accordance with the requirements of item 80150	87.70
	This item is subject to sections 6, 7 and 9	
80160	Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person in consulting rooms (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible social worker if:	87.95
	(a) the person is referred by:	
	(i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or	
	(ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or	
	(iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and	
	(b) the service is provided to the person individually and in person; and	
	 (c) at the completion of a course of treatment, the referring medical practitioner reviews the need for a further course of treatment; and 	
	(d) on the completion of the course of treatment, the eligible social worker gives a written report to the referring medical practitioner on assessments carried out, treatment provided and recommendations on future management of the person's condition; and	
	(e) the service is at least 50 minutes duration	
	This item is subject to sections 6, 7 and 9	
80161	Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible social worker if:	87.95
	(a) the person is referred by:	
	(i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or	
	(ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or	
	(iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and	
	(b) the service is provided to the person individually; and	
	(c) the attendance is by video conference; and	
	(d) the patient is not an admitted patient; and	
	(e) the patient is located within a telehealth eligible area; and	
	(f) the patient is, at the time of the attendance, at least 15 kilometres by road from the social worker; and	

	(g) at the completion of a course of treatment, the referring medical practitioner reviews the need for a further course of treatment; and	
	(h) on the completion of the course of treatment, the eligible social worker gives a written report to the referring medical practitioner on assessments carried out, treatment provided and recommendations on future management of the person's condition; and	
	(i) the service is at least 50 minutes duration	
	This item is subject to sections 6B, 7 and 9	
80165	Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person at a place other than consulting rooms (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible social worker in accordance with the requirements of item 80160	113.35
	This item is subject to sections 6, 7 and 9	
80170	Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person as part of a group of 6 to 10 patients (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible social worker if:	22.35
	(a) the person is referred by:	
	(i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or	
	(ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or	
	(iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and	
	(b) the service is provided in person; and	
	(c) the service is at least 60 minutes duration;	
	This item is subject to sections 6A, 7 and 9	
80171	Focussed psychological strategies health service provided to a person as part of a group of 6 to 10 patients (but not as an admitted patient of a hospital) by an eligible social worker if:	22.35
	(a) the person is referred by:	
	(i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or	
	(ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or	
	(iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and	
	(b) the attendance is by video conference; and	
	(c) the patient is not an admitted patient; and	
	(d) the patient is located within a telehealth eligible area; and	
	(e) the patient is, at the time of the attendance, at least 15 kilometres by road from the eligible social; and	

(f) the service is at least 60 minutes duration This item is subject to sections 6C, 7 and 9