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**Department of Health,  
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## **First Nations Health Reporting:**

### **PI07 – chronic disease management plan changes**

#### **Introduction**

In 2024, the Australian Government announced plans to introduce changes to the current Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) item numbers for Chronic Disease Management Plans and Team Care Arrangements. These changes follow recommendations from the MBS Review Taskforce.

The revised Chronic Disease Management Framework commences on 1 July 2025. Existing general practice (GP) Management Plans and Team Care Arrangements will cease and be replaced by a single new streamlined GP Chronic Condition Management Plan.

The aim of the new plan is to simplify chronic condition management for doctors and patients. It will:

- Help patients get more regular check-ups
- Make it easier for doctors and health teams to work together
- Improve referrals to allied health services like physios or dietitians
- Keep current services going while the new system is rolled out.

This paper discusses how the changes impact PI07, the National Key Performance Indicator (nKPI) that measures the '*Proportion of First Nations regular clients with a chronic disease who have a Chronic Disease Management Plan prepared*'.

#### **What's Changing and Reporting Implications**

What's changing, when, and how does this affect nKPI reporting?

##### **New MBS Item Numbers**

From 1 July 2025:

- Existing MBS items for GP management plans (229, 721, 92024, 92055), team care arrangements (230, 723, 92025, 92056) and reviews (233, 732, 92028, 92059) will cease.

- New MBS item numbers commence for preparation of a GP chronic condition management plan (965, 92029, 392, 92060) and reviews (967, 92030, 393, 92061).

**These changes do not impact nKPI data reported in the July 2025 reporting round.**

PI07 reports historical activity, which means only the existing MBS item numbers are valid for the upcoming reporting round.

The existing MBS item numbers will continue to be counted (for 24 months after the introduction of the new item numbers) to ensure historical activity is counted. The new MBS item numbers will be added to clinical information system (CIS) reports for future reporting rounds.

## Updating CIS reports

Although the new item numbers will be billable from 1 July 2025, there are several activities in the nKPI change process to complete before health services will see the changes reflected in nKPI reports. These include:

The Specifications for nKPI and OSR and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's (AIHW) METEOR specification for PI07 will be updated to include the new MBS item numbers.

After that, the four clinical information system (CIS) vendors - Best Practice, Communicare, Medical Director and MMEx - will update their PI07 reporting logic to include the new MBS items. The changes will be made for the January 2026 reporting round which will be the first national reporting round for which the new MBS items are valid.

The PI07 changes in the CIS reporting tools will be checked for accuracy before the January 2026 reporting round. Once they are fully validated, the vendors will release the updated reporting tools for health service use.

## Interim reports

Each CIS vendor has their own reporting tool release cycle. It is possible some won't have their updated reports ready for health services to use until late December 2025. This means that health services using the nKPI reporting tool to run interim or early reports might notice the new item numbers haven't been counted. Even though services will be claiming the new MBS items from July 2025, those claims may not be reflected in PI07 reporting until the revised reporting tools are released.

**TIP:** Interim reports may show lower-than-expected PI07 results, simply because the new item numbers aren't reported yet. Once the new reporting tools have been released the new MBS item numbers will be counted.

### Key takeaway(s):

- **These changes do not impact reported data in the July 2025 reporting round.**
- **Manually update MBS items if required:** If your CIS doesn't automatically update MBS items, make sure you apply the update as soon as it is released to ensure accurate billing and data capture.
- **Interim reporting may be affected before January 2026:** The new MBS item numbers may not be included in CIS nKPI reports before the January 2026 reporting round. Reports run before then may report lower-than-expected results.

## Resources

For more detail or explanation, the following resources are also available:

- **MBS Online** - Changes to MBS Chronic Disease Management Items:  
<https://www.mbsonline.gov.au/>  
MBS factsheets:  
[https://www.mbsonline.gov.au/internet/mbsonline/publishing.nsf/650f3eec0dfb990fca25692100069854/35bc9280594efa33ca258c9200126149/\\$FILE/PDF%20Version%20-%20Upcoming%20Changes%20to%20Chronic%20Disease%20Management%20Framework%20-%20Overview.PDF](https://www.mbsonline.gov.au/internet/mbsonline/publishing.nsf/650f3eec0dfb990fca25692100069854/35bc9280594efa33ca258c9200126149/$FILE/PDF%20Version%20-%20Upcoming%20Changes%20to%20Chronic%20Disease%20Management%20Framework%20-%20Overview.PDF)
- **Department of Health, Disability and Ageing:** Upcoming changes to MBS Chronic Disease Management Arrangements  
<https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/upcoming-changes-to-mbs-chronic-disease-management-arrangements>
- **Specifications for nKPI and OSR:** This document is intended for health services and clinical information system vendors. It provides a detailed overview of foundation data elements (including differences between nKPI and OSR) and a full explanation of each indicator - covering inclusions, exclusions, counting rules and disaggregation points (including the related data 'measure codes' that you may see in your CIS reports). It also highlights variances in vendor implementation for some data. You can access the Specifications here: <https://www.solvinghealth.au/specifications> or by following Projects > then Specifications from the home page. **Links to CIS vendor user guides are also listed at the bottom of the webpage.** Make sure you have the most recent version as the specifications are updated periodically.
- **MBS review Taskforce:** <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/mbs-review-final-taskforce-reports-findings-and-recommendations>

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