

First Nations Health Reporting:

PI07 – chronic disease management plan changes

Introduction

In 2024, the Australian Government announced plans to introduce changes to the 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 commenced on 1 July 2025. Existing general practice (GP) Management Plans and Team Care Arrangements ceased and were 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 to:

- 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 change impacts 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 changed and reporting implications

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

New MBS item numbers

From 1 July 2025:

- MBS items for GP management plans (229, 721, 92024, 92055), team care arrangements (230, 723, 92025, 92056) and reviews (233, 732, 92028, 92059) ceased.
- New MBS item numbers commenced for preparation of a GP chronic condition management plan (965, 92029, 392, 92060) and reviews (967, 92030, 393, 92061).

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

PI07 reports historical activity, which means only the existing MBS item numbers were valid for the July 2025 reporting round.

The 'old' MBS item numbers for GP management plans 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 have been added to clinical information system (CIS) nKPI reports for reporting rounds commencing January 2026.

NOTE: To ensure the new MBS item numbers are included in nKPI reports, your CIS reporting tool must be updated to recognise these items.

Inclusion of plan reviews

Under the revised framework, the preparation of a new GP chronic condition management plan is not required every 24 months; instead, existing plans can be reviewed to enable clients to continue accessing allied health and other services. MBS fees for both plan preparation and reviews have been aligned to reflect this change.

From 1 July 2025, PI07 will count both the preparation and review of GP chronic condition management plans. This is a significant change, as reviews were not previously included under this indicator. Only the new MBS item numbers for GP chronic condition management plan reviews (967, 92030, 393, 92061) will be counted. There is no requirement to retrospectively include review items claimed under the former MBS arrangements.

To reflect these updates, the name of the indicator has been revised. PI07 is now titled: *'Proportion of First Nations regular clients with type 2 diabetes who have a GP chronic condition management plan (GPCCMP) prepared or reviewed'*.

Updating CIS reports

The new MBS item numbers are now reflected in nKPI reports, following the completion of all necessary updates and validation. These include:

- The Specifications for nKPI and OSR and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's (AIHW) METEOR specification for PI07 have been updated to include the new MBS item numbers.
- The four CIS vendors - Best Practice, Communicare, Medical Director and MMEEx - have updated the PI07 reporting logic in their respective reporting tools to include the new MBS items. The January 2026 reporting round will be the first national reporting round for which the new MBS items are valid.
- The PI07 changes in the CIS reporting tools have been thoroughly checked for accuracy. Following validation, the updated reporting tools have been released, ensuring that health services can access accurate and up-to-date PI07 reporting reflecting the new MBS items.

Interim reports

All CIS vendors have now released their updated reporting tools, which include the new MBS item numbers. Health services using these updated tools will see the new items fully reflected in PI07 reports.

However, any interim or early reports run before the reporting tools were released in December 2025 will not include the new MBS items. As a result, those reports may show lower than expected PI07 results.

TIP: To ensure you are using the latest validated reporting tool, check the vendor scorecard (link in Resources section below) for the most recent version and confirm that your system is running the same version or higher. This will ensure all new MBS item numbers are correctly counted in your reports.

Key takeaway(s):

- **These changes did not impact data in the July 2025 reporting round.**
- **Interim reporting may be affected:** Reports run before the updated reporting tools were released in December 2025 will most likely 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.
- **Vendor scorecard:** The vendor scorecard is a one page visual that compares results for nKPI and OSR across CIS: <https://www.solvinghealth.au/scorecard>
- **MBS review Taskforce:** <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/mbs-review-final-taskforce-reports-findings-and-recommendations>

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