



The Heart Health Check compared to the 715 assessment

Key differences between the Heart Health Check (MBS item 699 or 177) and the health assessment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (MBS item 715).

	MBS item 699 or 177	MBS item 715
Patient group	Adults not already known to have CVD	All people of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander descent
Age group	≥45 years (≥30 years for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people)	All ages
Assessment	CVD risk factors & absolute CVD risk score	Broad assessment of patient's health, physical, psychological & social function
Management	Initiate interventions (e.g. medicines) and referrals to reduce CVD risk. Implement ongoing management plan	Provide information & referral to interventions
Practice nurses or Aboriginal health workers can assist GP	Yes	Yes
Duration	≥20 minutes	No designated time, GP's discretion
Frequency	Every 12 months	Every 9 months
Schedule fee (as of August 2020)	699: Fee = \$75.05 Benefit = 100% rebate 177: Fee = \$60.05 Benefit = 100% rebate	715: Fee = \$218.90 Benefit = 100% rebate
Use with other health assessment items	Item 699 or 177 cannot be claimed if item 715 has been claimed in the previous 12 months	

Reference

Medicare Benefits Schedule – mbsonline.gov.au



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