

New item numbers have been introduced to the Rural Doctors Settlement Package (RDSP). Three item numbers for discharge summary and medication reconciliation (items 1005, 1006 and 1007) were introduced on and from 1 February 2023. An item number for supervision (item 1011) was introduced on and from 21 June 2023. *Table 1* answers frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding eligibility criteria and information about the following RDSP item numbers:

1. Item numbers 1005, 1006 and 1007 for discharge summary and medication reconciliation.
2. RDSP supervision and training item numbers, including the new item number 1011 for supervision.
3. Item numbers for committee meetings (item 1077) and mandatory training (item 1079).

Information on all RDSP item numbers and associated rates can be found in both the RDSP Indexation of Fees information bulletin and RDSP Clarifications Reference Guide:

- [Rural Doctors' Settlement Package Indexation of Fees – Visiting Medical Officers \[IB2023_023\]](#)
- [Rural Doctors' Settlement Package Clarifications Reference Guide \[IB2023_017\]](#)

Table 1: Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
RDSP discharge summary (item number 1005)	
Am I able to claim for completing a discharge summary at a NSW Health RDSP site?	Yes, a GP VMO that documents information in the format or system prescribed by the LHD for an admitted patient (where appropriate) upon discharge can claim item number 1005 for a discharge summary. A GP VMO cannot claim this item if the discharge summary is substantially completed by another practitioner, such as a doctor in training (DiT).
Medication reconciliation (item numbers 1006 & 1007)	
Can I claim for completing a medication reconciliation on patient admission to a NSW Health RDSP site?	Yes, a GP VMO that obtains, verifies and documents an accurate list of a patient's current medications and completes the medication reconciliation for inpatient medication administration in the format or system prescribed by the LHD can claim item number 1006 . A GP VMO cannot claim this item if the medication reconciliation is substantially completed by another practitioner, such as a DiT.

Question	Answer
Can I claim for completing medication reconciliation on patient discharge from a NSW Health RDSP site?	<p>Yes, a GP VMO that upon discharge reconciles a patient's medications, writes prescriptions, ensures changes to regular medications are documented in the discharge summary and communicates this to the patient's GP and patient (where appropriate) can claim item number 1007. This information must be documented in the format or system prescribed by the LHD.</p> <p>A GP VMO cannot claim this item if the medication reconciliation is substantially completed by another practitioner, such as a DiT.</p>
Are GP VMOs still eligible to claim an admission medication reconciliation in instances where a patient is subsequently transferred to another facility?	Yes, a GP VMO that completes a medication reconciliation for an admission can claim item number 1006 , including instances where a deterioration or other circumstances result in the transfer of a patient to another facility.
Are GP VMOs still eligible to claim a discharge medication reconciliation in instances where a patient is subsequently transferred to another facility?	Yes, a GP VMO that completes a medication reconciliation for a patient who is discharged can claim item number 1007 , including instances where a deterioration or other circumstances result in the transfer of a patient to another facility.
Can a GP VMO claim item numbers for private patient admissions or discharges?	No, a GP VMO cannot claim RDSP item numbers for private patients as they are for admitted public patients only.
RDSP supervision item numbers (items numbers 1009, 1008 and 1011)	
What item number should I claim for supervision of a GP Registrar VMO in an emergency at a NSW Health site?	<p>A supervising GP VMO can claim item number 1008 when they are recalled to a facility for an emergency from between 7.01am and 11:59pm to attend a patient or patients at the request of a DiT or other hospital staff.</p> <p>Item 1008 can only be claimed when there is no other medical supervisor, or rostered alternative, available on site. The item cannot be claimed if a GP VMO is already claiming an emergency consultation FFS item number or sessional rate for any services during the period of attendance.</p>

<p>What item number should I claim for supervision of a GP VMO in an emergency during anti-social hours at a NSW Health site?</p>	<p>A supervising GP VMO can claim item number 1009 when they are recalled to a facility for an emergency from between midnight and 7.00am to attend to a patient or patients at the request of a DiT or other hospital staff.</p> <p>Item 1009 can only be claimed when there is no other medical supervisor rostered and available on site. The item cannot be claimed if the GP VMO is already claiming an emergency consultation FFS item number or sessional rate for any services during the period of attendance.</p>
<p>What item number can I claim for onsite clinical supervision of a junior doctor at a NSW Health site?</p>	<p>Onsite clinical supervision of junior doctors at NSW Health sites can be claimed under item number 1011. To be eligible to claim, prior agreement must be reached between the medical staff and relevant LHD management.</p> <p>Item 1011 can only be claimed by one supervisor at any one time. The one payment is made regardless of the number of junior doctors being supervised. No additional payments can be made for fee-for-service (FFS) items or sessional payments for patient care whilst supervising junior doctors under this item. Supervision activities include all aspects of clinical supervision which may be required by NSW Health or training colleges and may include clinical areas such as the operating theatre, ward rounds and emergency department, as well as other areas.</p>
<p>Can a GP VMO claim item number 1011 more than once per day?</p>	<p>Yes, a GP VMO can claim item number 1011 more than once per day if the supervision has prior approval. Item number 1011 is an hourly rate, paid to the nearest 15 minutes.</p>
<p>Committee Meetings (item number 1077)</p>	
<p>Can I claim for travel to a committee meeting?</p>	<p>Yes, a GP VMO can claim item number 1077 if they are required to travel to attend a meeting in accordance with Item 1076. The rate will be paid per hour to the nearest 15 minutes.</p> <p>The meeting venue must be more than 25 kilometres by road from the VMO's appointed health facility, and the VMO must travel more than 25 kilometres each way when traveling to and from the meeting.</p> <p>For a full list of examples of meetings for which payments will/will not be available, refer to the RDSP Clarifications Reference Guide.</p>
<p>RDSP mandatory training (item number 1079)</p>	

<p>Can I claim for mandatory training?</p>	<p>Yes. Mandatory training was previously claimed under item number 1076 “Meeting: Committee Attendances”. A VMO can now claim item number 1079 when online mandatory training cannot be completed during paid time and following discussions with the Public Health Organisation.</p> <p>The VMO can claim for the actual time spent undertaking the training modules, subject to that time not exceeding Health Education and Training Institute (HETI) estimated duration for a particular module. The rate will be paid per hour to the nearest 15 minutes.</p> <p>Item 1079 can only be claimed when supporting documentation is provided to show that training was completed.</p>
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