

Homoeopaths 2007

NATIONAL REFERENCE PRICE LIST FOR SERVICES BY HOMOEOPATHS EFFECTIVE FROM 1 JANUARY 2007

The following reference price list is not a set of tariffs that must be applied by medical schemes and/or providers. It is rather intended to serve as a baseline against which medical schemes can individually determine benefit levels and health service providers can individually determine fees charged to patients. Medical schemes may, for example, determine in their rules that their benefit in respect of a particular health service is equivalent to a specified percentage of the national health reference price list. It is especially intended to serve as a basis for negotiation between individual funders and individual health care providers with a view to facilitating agreements which will minimise balance billing against members of medical schemes. Should individual medical schemes wish to determine benefit structures, and individual providers determine fee structures, on some other basis without reference to this list, they may do so as well.

In calculating the prices in this schedule, the following rounding method is used: Values R10 and below rounded to the nearest cent, R10+ rounded to the nearest 10cent. Modifier values are rounded to the nearest cent. When new item prices are calculated, e.g. when applying a modifier, the same rounding scheme should be followed.

VAT EXCLUSIVE PRICES APPEAR IN BRACKETS.

GENERAL RULES

1	<p>All accounts must be presented with the following information clearly stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · name of homoeopath; · qualifications of the homoeopath; · BHF practice number; · postal address and telephone number; · date on which service(s) were provided; · The relevant diagnostic codes and NHRPL item code numbers relating to the health service rendered; · the nature of treatment; · the surname and initials of the member; · the first name of the patient; · the name of the scheme; · the membership number of the member; · where the account is a photocopy of the original, certification by way of a rubberstamp or the signature of the homoeopath; and · a statement of whether the account is in accordance with the National Reference Price List. 	04.00
2	It is recommended that, when such benefits are granted, drugs, consumables and disposable items used during a procedure or issued to a patient on discharge will only be reimbursed by a medical scheme if the appropriate code is supplied on the account.	04.00

Definition: Consultations

	<p>Consultation: A situation where a Homoeopathic Practitioner takes down a patient's full history and (where applicable) performs an appropriate examination, and repertorisation of the case and study of Materia Medica and/or prescribes or administers treatment and/or medicine or assists the patient with advice. (The method of repertorisation and selection of medicine is determined by the practitioner).</p> <p>or</p> <p>A voluntary scheduled consultation for the same condition within four (4) months (although the symptoms may differ from those presented during the first consultation). It may imply taking down a history and/or repertorisation of the case and study of Materia Medica and/or examination and/or prescribing or administering of treatment and/or medicine and/or counselling.</p> <p>Multiple complaints attended to during same visit: Only one consultation fee is chargeable although the patient may present with a number of complaints. If the patient has an unrelated complaint at the time of administering e.g. a homoeopathic injection as part of a course only a fee for a visit is appropriate.</p> <p>Hospital visits: at hospital or nursing home (all hours). By arrangement with scheme/patient.</p>	06.04
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Definition: Medicines

	<p>Prescribed medicine: Homoeopathic medicines are prescribed in accordance with the homoeopathic principles and philosophy. The philosophy may consist a classical, a clinical or a combined classical/clinical approach. The prescription may include proprietary homoeopathic medicine, or patient specific compounded medicine or a combination of both. The prescription may also include specially imported medicine. The medicine may be prescribed in the form of a tablet, capsules, ampoules, liquid drops, liquid syrup, ear drops, nose drops, eye drops, pillules, granules, powders, ointments, creams, suppositories, stickers, etc. The medicine may be prescribed in a simplex potency, mother tincture (Æ), low potency, multi-potency, etc and/or complex form.</p> <p>Proprietary homoeopathic medicine: These are registered homoeopathic medicines that are available in the open market or trade, or which are bought in bulk from manufacturers or wholesalers and dispensed to patients in smaller volumes without any compounding or manipulation. The dispensing of such medicine requires the appropriate NAPPI Code provided by the Manufacturer/Distributor.</p> <p>Non-proprietary homoeopathic medicine: These are homoeopathic medicines which are formulated and/or prepared and/or manipulated, and/or compounded in-house by the registered homoeopathic practitioner, and/or by a registered homoeopathic medicine manufacturer in accordance with the prescription and/or formula of the registered homoeopathic practitioner and which is not available in the market/trade.</p>	06.05
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Code	Description	Ver	Add	Homoeopathy	
				RVU	Fee
General Rules on Medicines, supplies, material and use of own equipment in treatment and procedures					
	<p>Items 201 and 209 provide for the charge of material and medicine used in treatment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · All materials used should be specified on all accounts. · Medicine, bandages and other essential materials for home-use by the patient must be obtained from a chemist on prescription or, if a chemist is not readily available, the practitioner may supply it from own stock provided a relevant prescription is attached to the account. · Not appropriate for items such as spatulas that are normally used in examinations in the rooms. · Not appropriate for items such as syringes, needles and gloves, etc. · Practitioners are not allowed to sell sphygmomanometers (blood pressure meters) or electro-medical devices to patients. · For side room testing by practitioners no extra charge in terms of item 201 is applicable for material or kits used. <p>The amount charged in respect of proprietary medicines shall be at net acquisition price.</p> <p>In relation to all other materials, items are to be charged (exclusive of VAT) at net acquisition price plus -</p> <p>* 26% of the net acquisition price where the net acquisition price of that material is less than one hundred rands; and</p> <p>* a maximum of twenty six rands where the net acquisition price of that material is greater than or equal to one hundred rands.</p>				06.05
ITEMS					
1.	Consultations				
Code	Description	Ver	Add	Homoeopathy	
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301	Consultation (initial or follow up). Duration 1 - 15 mins	06.04		7.500	35.10 (30.80)
302	Consultation (initial or follow up). Duration 16 - 30 mins	06.04		22.500	105.40 (92.50)
303	Consultation (initial or follow up). Duration 31 - 45 mins	06.04		37.500	175.70 (154.10)
304	Consultation (initial or follow up). Duration 46 - 60 mins	06.04		52.500	246.00 (215.80)
004	Consultation, each additional full 15 mins, to a maximum of 60 mins	06.04		15.000	70.30 (61.70)
003	Hospital visit (BY ARRANGEMENT)	04.00		-	-
107	Appointment not kept (schemes will not necessarily grant benefits in respect of this item, it will fall into the "By arrangement with the scheme" or "Patient own account" category).	04.00		-	-
2.	Medicines and Materials				
201	Proprietary homeopathic medicine, all forms. The amount charged in respect of proprietary homeopathic medicines shall be at cost.	06.02		-	-
202	Non-proprietary Homoeopathic Medicine - Tablets & Capsules (each)	06.04		0.100	0.96 (0.84)
203	Non-proprietary Homoeopathic Medicine - Liquid drops (per ml)	06.04		0.230	2.20 (1.93)
204	Non-proprietary Homoeopathic Medicine - Pillules & granules (per ml)	06.04		0.230	2.20 (1.93)
209	Proprietary materials	06.05			