

Homoeopaths 2004

NATIONAL REFERENCE PRICE LIST FOR SERVICES BY HOMOEOPATHS EFFECTIVE FROM 1 JANUARY 2004

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.

Preamble

The following rates are a guide for schemes who wish to determine the level of benefits in respect of services rendered by homoeopaths.

It is recommended, that, when such benefits are granted, the following should be clearly specified in the scheme's rules.

- The annual limitation, if any, for such benefits.

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; · applicable item codes; · 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.
2	<p>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.</p>
	<p>Definition: Consultations</p>
	<p>First consultation: Refers to 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>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>Subsequent consultation: Refers to 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>Long consultations: This item may, by arrangement with scheme/patient, be used by homoeopaths at first consultation where applicable.</p> <p>A visit with a duration of more than 45 minutes to the rooms of a homoeopathic practitioner. The duration of long visits should be reflected on accounts.</p> <p>Hospital visits: at hospital or nursing home (all hours). By arrangement with scheme/patient.</p>
	<p>Definition: Medicines</p>

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<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 homoeopathic medicines which are manufactured and/or prepared in accordance with homoeopathic principles and/or techniques.</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>		
<p>Please note: The suggested/recommended fee for homoeopathic consultations and medication as proposed by the Homoeopathic Liaison Committee should not exceed R475.00 per month, per patient.</p>		
<p>General Rules on Medicines, supplies, material and use of own equipment in treatment and procedures</p>		
<p>Item 201 provides for the charge of material and medicine used in treatment.</p> <p>Please note: the specifications of this item in this schedule differs from those in the profession's private recommended fee structure.</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. Charges for medicine used in treatment not to exceed the net acquisition price inclusive of VAT (unless the service provider is not a registered VAT vendor). · 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 sideroom testing by practitioners no extra charge in terms of item 201 is applicable for material or kits used. 		
<p>HOMOEOPATHS RECOMMENDED REIMBURSEMENT GUIDE</p>		
1.	Consultations	
Code	Description	08
001	First Consultation	82.50 (72.40)
002	Subsequent Consultation	74.20 (65.10)
003	Hospital visit (BY ARRANGEMENT)	- (-)
004	Long consultations in excess of 45 minutes (To be charged with item 001 only) (BY ARRANGEMENT)	- (-)
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).	- (-)
2.	Medicines	
201	Proprietary homeopathic medicine, all forms. Net acquisition price, inclusive of VAT (unless the service provider is not a registered VAT vendor).	- (-)
202	Non-proprietary Homoeopathic Medicine - Tablets & Capsules (each)	0.83 (0.73)
203	Non-proprietary Homoeopathic Medicine - Liquid drops (per ml)	1.90 (1.67)
204	Non-proprietary Homoeopathic Medicine - Pillules & granules (per ml)	1.90 (1.67)