

**PODIATRISTS
SCHEDULE OF FEES
EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 2018**



DEFINITIONS

Initial Consultation/Footwear Assessment

- Up to two initial consultations can be claimed within the 12 month referral period. Each initial consultation must be for a new episode of care or a new and unrelated condition.
- Treatment for White Card holders must be related to an accepted disability. Eligibility must be established prior to commencement of treatment.

Subsequent Consultation/Follow-up Footwear Assessment

- Cannot be claimed on the same day as an initial consultation for the same patient.
- Should be claimed for ongoing treatment of a condition.
- Two subsequent consultations cannot be claimed on the same day, unless provided in hospital.

**FURTHER INFORMATION TO ASSIST YOU WHEN TREATING MEMBERS OF
THE VETERAN COMMUNITY IS CONTAINED IN THE “NOTES FOR
PODIATRISTS” AVAILABLE ON THE DVA WEBSITE AT:**

<http://www.dva.gov.au/providers/allied-health-professionals>

Shaded items marked with an asterisk * require prior financial authorisation from DVA. To obtain prior financial authorisation, please contact the DVA office for your state or territory using the contact details on page 6.

CONSULTATIONS & ASSESSMENTS

ROOMS

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	FEE	GST STATUS ++
F004	Initial Consultation (Initiate new Care Plan)	\$64.25	GST-free
F010	Short Consultation/Treatment (up to 15 minutes)	\$64.25	GST-free
F012	Subsequent Consultation	\$64.25	GST-free
F008	Initial Footwear Assessment (Initiate new Care Plan)	\$64.25	GST-free
F019	Follow-up Footwear Assessment/Fitting	\$64.25	GST-free

HOME

F024	Initial Consultation (Initiate new Care Plan)	\$72.50	GST-free
F031	Short Consultation (up to 15 minutes)	\$64.25	GST-free
F033	Subsequent Consultation	\$64.25	GST-free
F025	Initial Footwear Assessment (Initiate new Care Plan)	\$72.55	GST-free
F026	Follow-up Footwear Assessment/Fitting	\$64.25	GST-free

HOSPITALS

PUBLIC HOSPITALS

The Repatriation Commission will only pay for allied health services carried out in public hospitals in exceptional circumstances, and when DVA has given prior financial authorisation.

F075*	Initial Consultation (Initiate new Care Plan)	\$72.50	GST-free
F046*	Subsequent Consultation - 1st Patient	\$64.25	GST-free
F056*	Subsequent Consultation – 2nd and Subsequent Patients	\$64.25	GST-free
F070*	Initial Footwear Assessment (Initiate new Care Plan)	\$72.50	GST-free
F071*	Follow-up Footwear Assessment/Fitting - 1 st Patient	\$64.25	GST-free
F072*	Follow-up Footwear Assessment/Fitting - 2 nd and Subsequent Patients	\$64.25	GST-free

PRIVATE HOSPITALS

The Repatriation Commission will only pay for allied health services carried out by DVA-contracted providers in private hospitals when the contract between DVA and the hospital does not already cover these services. It is the provider's responsibility to determine whether or not allied health services are included in the bed-day rate under the DVA contract, before providing services, by contacting the Veteran Liaison Officer at the hospital or the DVA office in the State or Territory.

F065	Initial Consultation (Initiate new Care Plan)	\$72.50	GST-free
F045	Subsequent Consultation – 1 st Patient	\$64.25	GST-free
F055	Subsequent Consultation - 2 nd and Subsequent Patients	\$64.25	GST-free
F061	Initial Footwear Assessment (Initiate new Care Plan)	\$72.50	GST-free
F062	Follow-up Footwear Assessment/Fitting - 1 st Patient	\$64.25	GST-free
F063	Follow-up Footwear Assessment/Fitting – 2 nd and Subsequent Patients	\$64.25	GST-free

RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES (RACFs) ≠

The level of care an entitled person receives in a RACF refers to the health status and classification of the eligible veteran, as determined under the *Classification Principles 2014*, not the facility in which they reside.

SERVICES REQUIRING PRIOR APPROVAL IN A RACF ≠

Prior Financial authorisation is required before providing clinically necessary allied health services to an eligible person in a RACF classified as requiring a greater level of care as described in paragraph 7(6)(a) of the *Quality of Care Principles 2014*.

Note: A person in a RACF classified as requiring a greater level of care is described in paragraph 7(6)(a) of the *Quality of Care Principles 2014* as a care recipient in residential care whose classification level under the *Classification Principles 2014* includes any of the following:

- (i) high ADL domain category;
- (ii) high CHC domain category;
- (iii) high behaviour domain category;
- (iv) a medium domain category in at least 2 domains; or
- (v) a care recipient whose classification level is high level residential respite care.

Authorisation will be given only in exceptional circumstances.

F030*	Initial Consultation (Initiate new Care Plan)	\$72.50	GST-free
F048*	Subsequent Consultation - 1 st Patient	\$64.25	GST-free
F058*	Subsequent Consultation – 2 nd and Subsequent Patients	\$64.25	GST-free
F028*	Initial Footwear Assessment (Initiate new Care Plan)	\$72.50	GST-free
F050*	Follow-up Footwear Assessment/Fitting – 1 st Patient	\$64.25	GST-free
F060*	Follow-up Footwear Assessment/Fitting – 2 nd and Subsequent Patients	\$64.25	GST-free

SERVICES NOT REQUIRING PRIOR APPROVAL IN A RACF ≠

Prior financial authorisation is not required for clinically necessary allied health services provided to an eligible veteran in a RACF classified as requiring a lower level of care who is not referred to in paragraph 7(6)(a) of the *Quality of Care Principles 2014*.

If a provider is in doubt about the classification of an eligible veteran in a RACF who has been referred to them, they must contact the facility. It is the provider's responsibility to ascertain the classification of an eligible veteran before they provide treatment.

F029	Initial Consultation (Initiate new Care Plan)	\$72.50	GST-free
F047	Subsequent Consultation - 1st Patient	\$64.25	GST-free
F057	Subsequent Consultation - 2 nd and Subsequent Patients	\$64.25	GST-free
F027	Initial Footwear Assessment (Initiate new Care Plan)	\$72.55	GST-free
F049	Follow-up Footwear Assessment/Fitting - 1st Patient	\$64.25	GST-free
F059	Follow-up Footwear Assessment/Fitting - 2nd and Subsequent Patients	\$64.25	GST-free

PODIATRIC DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

F104	Peripheral flow study (Doppler) – arterial and venous. <i>Separate clinical notes of this assessment must be maintained</i>	\$67.75	GST-free
F111	Muscle testing (manual) <i>Separate clinical notes of this assessment must be maintained</i>	\$64.25	GST-free
F114	Range of motion study measurements <i>Separate clinical notes of this assessment must be maintained</i>	\$64.25	GST-free
F117	Gait analysis (visual) <i>Separate clinical notes of this assessment must be maintained</i>	\$64.25	GST-free

PHYSICAL PODIATRY

F125	Paraffin wax bath	\$57.35	GST-free
F145	Electrophysical therapy (eg: ultrasound, T.E.N.S)	\$55.45	GST-free
F147	Manipulation of joints of the feet	\$50.80	GST-free

ORTHOMECHANICAL ITEMS

Items listed in this section must be either:

- covered by section 38-45 of the GST Act; or
- customised or manipulated for the exclusive treatment of the illness or disability of the particular patient who is the recipient of the GST-free service and be supplied during a consultation with a recognised professional.
- prices include supply and fitting (unless otherwise stated).

Non-customised or non-manipulated items are to be claimed under the new Consumables item F987, or sourced through RAP.

F201	Ankle/foot orthoses – shelf item, customised. Fee includes follow-up consultations and complete initial components such as plain covers and posts.	\$140.25	GST-free (38-45)
F202	Ankle/foot orthoses, custom-made. Fee includes follow-up consultations and complete initial components such as plain covers and posts.	\$362.20	GST-free (38-45)
F211	Orthodigital traction device (single), customised. Fee includes follow-up consultations and complete initial components such as plain covers and posts.	\$107.20	GST-free (38-45)
F221	Custom Moulded Thermoplastic rigid orthosis (single) <i>(custom-made to plaster model, with reference to biomechanical measurements, with intrinsic or extrinsic forefoot or rearfoot modification to influence foot and lower limb alignment)</i> Fee includes follow-up consultations and complete initial components such as plain covers and posts. Limit of two per 365 day period.	\$186.20	GST-free (38-45)
F222	Custom Moulded Thermoplastic rigid orthoses (pair). <i>(Custom-made to plaster model, with reference to biomechanical measurements, with intrinsic or extrinsic forefoot or rearfoot modification to influence foot and lower limb alignment)</i> Fee includes follow-up consultations and complete initial components such as plain covers and posts. Limit of one per 365 day period.	\$362.20	GST-free (38-45)
F261	Insole (single) plain, customised	\$30.10	GST-free (38-45)
F262	Insole (pair) plain, customised	\$57.35	GST-free (38-45)
F263	Insole (single) padded, customised	\$64.75	GST-free (38-45)
F264	Insole (pair) padded, customised	\$124.45	GST-free (38-45)
F265	Custom Moulded balance inlay semi-rigid (eg EVA, rubber) cast orthosis (single) <i>(custom-made to uncorrected plaster model for accommodation of deformity and/or pressure relief)</i> Fee includes complete initial components of the device such as plain covers, posts etc. Limit of two per 365 day period	\$159.35	GST-free (38-45)
F266	Custom Moulded balance inlay semi-rigid (eg EVA, rubber) cast orthoses (pair) <i>(custom-made to uncorrected plaster model for accommodation of deformity and/or pressure relief)</i> Fee includes complete initial components of the device such as plain covers, posts etc. Limit of one per 365 day period.	\$301.55	GST-free (38-45)
F267	Custom Moulded balance orthoses (single) - non-cast thermoplastic <i>(thermoplastic moulded direct to foot)</i> Fee includes complete initial components of the device such as plain covers, posts etc.	\$109.10	GST-free (38-45)
F268	Custom Moulded balance orthoses (pair) - non-cast thermoplastic <i>(thermoplastic moulded direct to foot)</i> Fee includes complete initial components of the device such as plain covers, posts etc.	\$174.55	GST-free (38-45)
F269	Heel lift (single), customised	\$26.25	GST-free (38-45)
F271	Shoe padding (permanent- single), customised, eg tri-planar wedges, permanent wedging	\$19.60	GST-free**

F303	Plaster foot cast (single) negative impression of foot and/or one-third leg	\$73.40	GST-free**
F304	Plaster foot cast (pair) negative impression of foot and/or one-third leg	\$102.90	GST-free**
F341	Bunion shield (single), customised	\$87.75	GST-free**
F342	Interdigital wedge (single), customised	\$36.30	GST-free**
F343	Heel shield (single), customised	\$100.70	GST-free**
F344	Nail brace, customised	\$79.45	GST-free**
F381	Replace Orthosis cover (single) – plain vinyl or leather (initial cover included in cost of orthoses or insole)	\$16.25	GST-free (38-45)
F382	Replace Orthosis cover (pair) – plain vinyl or leather (initial covers included in cost of orthoses or insole)	\$31.35	GST-free (38-45)
F383	Orthosis cover (single) – with soft tissue supplement (initial issue or replacement)	\$30.70	GST-free (38-45)
F384	Orthosis cover (pair) – with soft tissue supplement (initial or replacement)	\$59.60	GST-free (38-45)
F385	Replace Rearfoot post or forefoot post (single) – rubber/cork/EVA (initial post included in cost of orthoses)	\$20.60	GST-free (38-45)
F386	Replace Rearfoot post or forefoot post (pair) – rubber/cork/EVA (initial posts included in cost of orthoses)	\$39.80	GST-free (38-45)

**** NOTE:** These items are only GST-free for Recognised Professionals. DVA will automatically add GST to these items when claimed by non-Recognised Professionals who are registered for GST.

Note 1

Second devices from original unaltered casts to be charged at 70% of original fee using identifier "B" to identify reduced service of original item number. Posts and covers as for original supply.

Note 2

Plain vinyl covers are included in the fee for the device. Spenco, Poron or PPT covers may be charged as extra.

Note 3

Repairs or modifications to orthotic devices are included in the supply price, within 3 months of supply.

SPECIAL SERVICES

F984*	Non-DVA Schedule Services – Taxable	FBN	Taxable
F985*	Non-DVA Schedule Services – GST-free	FBN	GST-free
F998	Postage Claim should be exclusive of GST , not exceeding the maximum. DVA will automatically add GST to the amount claimed.	\$10.70	Taxable

CLINICALLY REQUIRED CONSUMABLES

Use these items only for the supply of consumables and small items. Please ensure that you retain documentation and/or invoices on file to substantiate claims.

From 1 January 2003 all aids and appliances not covered by section 38-45 of the GST Act and which are not listed in this schedule must be sourced through DVA's Rehabilitation Appliances Program (RAP).

F986	Consumables clinically required immediately during the consultation/treatment <i>Do not claim for items that the veteran should purchase through a pharmacy or supermarket for ongoing self-management of conditions. Claim invoiced cost only, not exceeding the maximum fee.</i>	\$53.50	GST-Free ϕϕ
F987	Consumables clinically required for treatment after consultation <i>Do not claim for items that the veteran should purchase through a pharmacy or supermarket for ongoing self-management of conditions. Claim invoiced cost only exclusive of GST, not exceeding the maximum fee. DVA will automatically add GST to the amount claimed.</i>	\$53.50	Taxable

SURGICAL PODIATRY

F470	Avulsion of nail plate (partial or complete) Includes 2 follow-up consultations and/or dressings	\$122.65	GST-free
F546	Nail edge avulsion and matrix sterilisation (single edge) Includes 2 follow-up consultations and/or dressings	\$324.50	GST-free
F547	Nail edge avulsion and matrix sterilisation (total nail) Includes 2 follow-up consultations and/or dressings	\$324.50	GST-free
F548	Nail edge avulsion and matrix sterilisation - each additional edge	\$87.75	GST-free

Note -Please refer to the Podiatrists' Procedural Terminology Manual (PPTM) published by the Australasian Podiatry Council for further information on each item.

DIRECT SUPPLY TO DVA

(Subject to prior financial authorisation)

Use item number F990 only when DVA contacts you directly to request that you provide:

- a written report; or
- a consultation to an eligible veteran or war widow/widower, either separately or in conjunction with a written report.

For example, this may occur when DVA requires a second opinion concerning treatment for a veteran. DVA will give financial authorisation and advise the fee at the time of the request, according to the above schedule items. The kilometre allowance is included in the fee, and is **not** to be claimed in addition to the fee.

Please note: This item does not cover the supply of clinical notes, care plans or other information requested by DVA as part of monitoring activities, as these are provided free-of-charge under contractual obligations.

F990*	Report or service specifically requested by DVA	Fee specified at time of request	Taxable
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F999	Kangaroo Island consultation	\$72.05	GST-free
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FBN	Fee by Negotiation
++ Recognised Professional	Paragraph 38-10(1)(b) of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Act states that only a 'recognised professional' can supply GST-free health services as listed in section 38-10. Please refer to section 195-1 of the GST Act for the definition of 'recognised professional' for GST purposes.
φφ GST-free consumables	Please refer to sections 38-10(3), 38-20(3), 38-45, 38-47 of the 'A New Tax System Act 1999 (GST Act) to determine the status of the health good, and GSTR2001/8 for determining the GST status and whether apportionment is required if there are GST-free and taxable components in a supply.

<p>DVA CONTACTS</p> <p>Further information on allied health services may be obtained from DVA. The contact numbers for health care providers requiring further information or prior financial authorisation for all States & Territories are listed below:</p> <p>PHONE NUMBER:</p> <p>1800 550 457 (Select Option 3, then Option 1)</p> <p>POSTAL ADDRESS FOR ALL STATES AND TERRITORIES:</p> <p>Health Approvals & Home Care Section Department of Veterans' Affairs GPO Box 9998 BRISBANE QLD 4001</p> <p>DVA WEBSITE:</p> <p>http://www.dva.gov.au/providers/allied-health-professionals</p> <p>DVA email for prior financial authorisation: health.approval@dva.gov.au</p> <p>The appropriate prior approval request form can be found at: https://www.dva.gov.au/providers/services-requiring-prior-approval.</p>	<p>CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT</p> <p>For more information about claims for payment visit: www.dva.gov.au/providers/how-claim</p> <p>Claim Enquiries: 1300 550 017 (Option 2 Allied Health)</p> <p>Claiming Online and DVA Webclaim DVA offers online claiming utilising Medicare Online Claiming. DVA Webclaim is available on the Department of Human Services (DHS) Provider Digital Access (PRODA) Service. For more information about the online solutions available:</p> <p>DVA Webclaim\Technical Support enquiries: Phone: 1800 700 199 or email: eBusiness@humanservices.gov.au</p> <p>Billing, banking and claim enquiries: Phone: 1300 550 017</p> <p>Visit the Department of Human Services' website at: https://www.humanservices.gov.au/organisations/health-professionals/subjects/doing-business-online-health-professionals</p> <p>Manual Claiming Please send all claims for payment to:</p> <p>Veterans' Affairs Processing (VAP) Department of Human Services GPO Box 964 ADELAIDE SA 5001</p> <p>DVA provider fillable and printable health care claim forms & service vouchers are also available on the DVA website at: http://www.dva.gov.au/providers/forms-service-providers</p>
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