

# **EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGISTS SCHEDULE OF FEES EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 2018**



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Veterans' Affairs**

Exercise physiology provides clinically necessary treatment with a strong focus on clinical exercise prescription, physical activity education and behaviour modification. Exercise physiology treatment of chronic conditions should facilitate the transition into self-management.

## **DEFINITIONS**

### **Initial Consultation**

- Up to three initial consultations per patient can be claimed in a 12 month referral period. Each initial consultation must be for a new episode of care or for a new and unrelated condition and for which a new referral has been issued.
- A valid referral must include the specific diagnosis of the condition requiring treatment.
- An initial consultation must be provided to the patient individually.
- An initial consultation includes completion of a patient care plan.
- An initial consultation must be provided before any group or aquatic exercise therapy session can be provided.
- Expected duration of at least 20 minutes.
- Treatment for **White Card** holders must be related to an accepted disability for DVA to accept financial responsibility for the treatment.
- Eligibility must be established **prior** to commencement of treatment.

### **Subsequent Consultation**

- Cannot be claimed on the same day as an initial consultation for the same patient.
- Two subsequent consultations cannot be claimed on the same day.
- A subsequent consultation must be provided to the patient individually.
- Expected duration of at least 20 minutes.

### **Group Session**

- A group session is defined as a session involving two or more participants, up to a maximum of 12 participants. Participants will receive constant overall supervision by an exercise physiologist with intermittent individual care.
- Expected duration of at least 30 minutes.
- A group session cannot be provided on the same day as an initial or subsequent consultation for the same patient.

### **Aquatic Session**

- An individual aquatic exercise session cannot be provided on the same day as an initial, subsequent, or group consultation for the same patient.

**Shaded items require prior financial authorisation from DVA. To obtain prior financial authorisation, please contact DVA using the contact details at the end of this Schedule.**

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

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

## **ROOMS**

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	FEE *	GST STATUS ++
EP10	Initial Consultation	\$64.25	GST applicable
EP11	Subsequent Consultation	\$64.25	GST applicable

## **HOME**

A kilometre allowance may be paid when the nearest suitable provider must travel to provide an assessment or treatment in the entitled person's place of residence.

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	FEE *	GST STATUS ++
EP12	Initial Consultation	\$69.05	GST applicable
EP13	Subsequent Consultation	\$64.25	GST applicable

## **HOSPITALS**

### **PUBLIC HOSPITALS**

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

Only one 1<sup>st</sup> Patient claim applies in the same facility (i.e. EP14 or EP16).

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	FEE *	GST STATUS ++
EP14	Initial Consultation - 1 <sup>st</sup> Patient	\$69.05	GST applicable
EP15	Initial Consultation - 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Subsequent Patients	\$64.25	GST applicable
EP16	Subsequent Consultation - 1 <sup>st</sup> Patient	\$64.25	GST applicable
EP17	Subsequent Consultation - 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Subsequent Patients	\$64.25	GST applicable

### **PRIVATE HOSPITALS**

The Department will only pay for health care services carried out by 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 health care 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 DVA.

Only one 1<sup>st</sup> Patient claim applies in the same facility (i.e. EP18 or EP20).

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	FEE *	GST STATUS ++
EP18	Initial Consultation - 1 <sup>st</sup> Patient	\$69.05	GST applicable
EP19	Initial Consultation - 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Subsequent Patients	\$64.25	GST applicable
EP20	Subsequent Consultation - 1 <sup>st</sup> Patient	\$64.25	GST applicable
EP21	Subsequent Consultation - 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Subsequent Patients	\$64.25	GST applicable

## **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.

Only one 1<sup>st</sup> Patient claim applies in the same facility (i.e. EP22 or EP24)

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	FEE *	GST STATUS ++
EP22	Initial Consultation - 1 <sup>st</sup> Patient	\$69.05	GST applicable
EP23	Initial Consultation - 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Subsequent Patients	\$64.25	GST applicable
EP24	Subsequent Consultation - 1 <sup>st</sup> Patient	\$64.25	GST applicable
EP25	Subsequent Consultation, 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Subsequent Patients	\$64.25	GST applicable

### **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.

Only one 1<sup>st</sup> Patient claim applies in the same facility (i.e. EP26 or EP28).

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	FEE *	GST STATUS ++
EP26	Initial Consultation - 1 <sup>st</sup> Patient	\$69.05	GST applicable
EP27	Initial Consultation - 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Subsequent Patients	\$64.25	GST applicable
EP28	Subsequent Consultation - 1 <sup>st</sup> Patient	\$64.25	GST applicable
EP29	Subsequent Consultation - 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Subsequent Patients	\$64.25	GST applicable

### **GROUP SESSIONS**

Two or more participants, up to a maximum of 12 participants.

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	FEE *	GST STATUS ++
EP30	Group session (per patient)	\$28.70	GST applicable

### **AQUATIC EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY**

The cost of the pool admission for the entitled person is included in the fee.

Exercise physiologists are unable to claim travel costs when they travel from their rooms to a pool facility to provide aquatic exercise physiology services.

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	FEE *	GST STATUS ++
EP31	Supervised Individual Aquatic Exercise Physiology	\$64.25	GST applicable
EP32	Supervised Group Aquatic Exercise Physiology (per patient) Two or more participants, up to a max. of 12 participants.	\$28.70	GST applicable

## **REPORT**

### **DIRECT SUPPLY TO DVA**

*(Subject to prior financial authorisation)*

Use item number EP99 only when DVA contacts you directly to request you to provide a:

- written report; or
- consultation or assessment to entitled persons, either separately or in conjunction with a written report.

For example, this may occur when DVA requires a second opinion concerning treatment for an entitled person. 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 DVA requirements.*

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	FEE *	GST STATUS ++
EP99	Report or service specifically requested by DVA	Fee specified at time of request	GST applicable

## **KEY**

<b>* FEE</b>	The fee is GST-exclusive
<b>++ GST STATUS</b>	Paragraph 38-10(1)(b) of the 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. For additional information on GST refer to the <i>Notes for Allied Health Providers Section One: General</i> [clause 86 – 90] available on the DVA website at <a href="http://www.dva.gov.au/sites/default/files/files/providers/alliedhealth/notes_for_AHPs-sec1.pdf">http://www.dva.gov.au/sites/default/files/files/providers/alliedhealth/notes_for_AHPs-sec1.pdf</a>

### **DVA CONTACTS:**

#### **PHONE NUMBERS:**

Non-metropolitan callers: 1800 550 457  
Metropolitan callers: 1300 550 457

#### **POSTAL ADDRESS FOR ALL STATES AND TERRITORIES:**

Medical and Allied Health  
Department of Veterans' Affairs  
GPO Box 9998  
ADELAIDE SA 5001

#### **DVA FAX NUMBER FOR APPROVALS:**

(08) 8290 0422 (for all States and Territories)

#### **DVA WEBSITE:**

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

### **CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT**

For more information about claims for payment visit:

[www.dva.gov.au/providers/how-claim](http://www.dva.gov.au/providers/how-claim)

#### **Claiming Online**

DVA offers online claiming utilising Medicare Online Claiming. For more information about the online solutions available :

- email [onlineclaiming@dva.gov.au](mailto:onlineclaiming@dva.gov.au) or
- visit the Department of Human Services' website at [www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/business/online/index.jsp](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/business/online/index.jsp)

#### **DVA Webclaim**

DVA Webclaim is available on the Department of Human Services (DHS) [Health Professional Online Services \(HPOS\) portal](#)

HPOS Technical Support enquiries:

Phone: 1800 700 199 or email:

[eBusiness@humandservices.gov.au](mailto:eBusiness@humandservices.gov.au)

Billing, banking and claim enquiries: Phone:

1300 550 017 or email:  
[veterans.processing@humanservices.gov.au](mailto:veterans.processing@humanservices.gov.au)

**Manual Claiming**

Please send all claims for payment to:

Veterans' Affairs Processing (VAP)  
Department of Human Services  
GPO Box 964  
ADELAIDE SA 5001

**Claim Enquiries:** 1300 550 017  
(Option 2 Allied Health)