

Item 291

outpatient mental health assessments made easy

One-off assessments

Private psychiatrists based at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital Consulting Suites offer appointments for MBS Item 291 (one-off) assessments for your patients that you manage in your practice.

Item 291 assessment suitability criteria

Criteria Question	Inclusion Answer
- Is your patient in a crisis situation?	NO
- Will you be responsible for continuing care of the patient?	YES
- Is a one-off assessment and management plan appropriate support for your care of the patient?	YES
- Do you require the assessment for a third party (eg: Court, WorkCover, Superannuation)?	NO
- Are there any risk factors that make attendance by this patient at private psychiatric rooms inappropriate?	NO

Referral flowchart

Patient criteria assessed by GP for referral suitability



Criteria met: GP faxes referral to Brisbane Waters Private Hospital Consulting Suites on 02 4342 7164



Criteria not met: consider outpatient referral assessment and possible treatment

Referral is approved by psychiatrist prior to appointment being scheduled



Appointment offered with available psychiatrist



Brisbane Waters Private Hospital Consulting Suite staff contact patient directly to confirm appointment time and details



Psychiatrist communicates assessment and management plan to referring GP within two weeks of appointment

Ensure 'Item 291 referral' is specified

It is essential that all referring general practitioners also specify 'Item 291 referral' on the completed referral form.

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Please contact us if you have any questions or require assistance with Item 291 assessments and forms.