

Item 296

outpatient mental health assessments made easy

Fee applicable assessments

Private psychiatrists based at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital Consulting Suites offer appointments for MBS Item 296 (initial) assessments for your patients that you manage in your practice.

Under Item 296 patients are required to pay a fee.

Item 296 assessment suitability criteria

Criteria Question	Inclusion Answer
- Are you referring a new patient for initial assessment?	YES
- Has your patient attended a consultation with this psychiatrist in the last 24 months?	NO
- Could ongoing appointments provide 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
- Do you request your patient be bulk-billed through Medicare?	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 MBS Item 291 or contact us regarding further options

Referral is approved by psychiatrist prior to appointment being scheduled

Appointment offered with available psychiatrist

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

Psychiatrist communicates consultation letter and assessment to referring GP within two weeks of appointment

Referral form

Please specify 'Item 296 referral' when completing the referral

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Please contact us if you have any questions or require assistance with Item 296 assessments and forms.