## Bone Mineral Densitometry

The Government has set strict, complex rules which apply to rebates for BMD. Unfortunately, not all patients are eligible for a Medicare or DVA rebate.

To be eligible for a rebate, patients must meet one of the following criteria and the reason needs to be indicated on the request form.

| Item Number | Description |
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| 12306<br>Must be at least 24 months since any previous BMD | If performed for:<br>• 1 or more fractures occurring after minimal trauma (this can only be used once for each fracture); or<br>• Monitoring of osteoporosis proven by previous BMD<br>• Scan at least 2 years prior with Z score of -1.50 or lower, or a T score of -2.50 or lower |
| 12312<br>Must be at least 12 months since any previous BMD | If performed for:<br>• Prolonged & current glucocorticoid therapy (as per dose limits outlined in the MBS);<br>• Conditions associated with excess glucocorticoid secretion;<br>• Male hypogonadism;<br>• Female hypogonadism lasting more than 6 months before the age of 45 |
| 12315<br>Must be at least 24 months since any previous BMD | If performed for:<br>• Primary hyperparathyroidism;<br>• Chronic liver disease;<br>• Chronic renal disease (excl. kidney stones);<br>• Proven malabsorptive disorders (e.g. Coeliac or Crohn's disease)<br>• Rheumatoid arthritis; or<br>• Conditions associated with thyroxine excess |
| 12320<br>Must be either:<br>The first time the patient is having a BMD OR<br>at least five years since any previous BMD | If performed for:<br>• A person aged 70 years or over and not had a scan before<br>• A person aged 70 years or over and found to have no to mild osteopenia (T-score 0 to -1.5) on previous scan |
| 12321<br>Must be at least 12 months since any previous BMD | If performed 12 months following a significant change in therapy |
| 12322<br>Must be at least 24 months since any previous BMD | If performed for:<br>• A person aged 70 years or over found to have moderate to marked osteopenia (T-score -1.5 to -2.5) on previous scan |