

Bone Mineral Densitometry

The Government has set strict, complex rules that apply to rebates for Bone Mineral Densitometry. 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.

To help make it easy for you and your patient, we have summarised the criteria below. Please indicate the reasons for the scan below and staple to the request form.

If patient complies with one of the below criteria we bulk bill pension/HCC holders, otherwise a small gap fee will apply.

Item Number	Description
12306 Must be at least 24 months since any previous bone mineral densitometry scan.	If performed for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 or more fractures occurring after minimal trauma (this can only be used once for each fracture); or • Monitoring of osteoporosis proven by previous bone densitometry; • Scan at least 2 years prior with Z score of -1.50 or lower, or a T score of -2.50 or lower.
12312 Must be at least 12 months since any previous bone mineral densitometry scan.	If performed for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prolonged & current glucocorticoid therapy (as per dose limits outlined in the MBS); • Conditions associated with excess glucocorticoid secretion; • Male hypogonadism; • Female hypogonadism lasting more than 6 months before the age of 45.
12315 Must be at least 24 months since any previous bone mineral densitometry scan.	If performed for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary hyperparathyroidism; • Chronic liver disease; • Chronic renal disease (excluding kidney stones); • Proven malabsorptive disorders (eg. Coeliac or Crohn's disease); • Rheumatoid arthritis; or • Conditions associated with thyroxine excess.
12320 Must be either: The first time the patient is having a bone mineral densitometry scan OR at least 5 years since any previous bone mineral densitometry scan.	If performed for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A person aged 70 years or over and not had a scan before • 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 Must be at least 12 months since any previous bone mineral densitometry scan.	If performed 12 months following a significant change in therapy.
12322 Must be at least 24 months since any previous bone mineral densitometry scan.	If performed for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A person aged 70 years or over found to have moderate to marked osteopenia (T-score -1.5 to -2.5) on previous scan

For non-Medicare eligible exams, a fee will apply and is payable at the time of the appointment.

OTHER	All other indications (please note these are not Medicare Eligible)
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To make an appointment or for more information, please contact our bookings team on
1300 781 926.