

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
12306 Must be at least 24 months since any previous BMD	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 BMD Can 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 BMD	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 BMD	If performed for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary hyperparathyroidism; Chronic liver disease; Chronic renal disease (excl. kidney stones); Proven malabsorptive disorders (e.g. 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 BMD OR at least five years since any previous BMD	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 BMD	If performed 12 months following a significant change in therapy
12322 Must be at least 24 months since any previous BMD	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

