



## **Appendix 1**

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**Appendix 1. Medicare item grouping.** Medicare Benefits Scheme (MBS) item numbers applicable between financial years 2007/08 and 2010/11.

| Abbreviation | Category description   | MBS item numbers  |
|--------------|--|---|
| GP           | GP mental health services, as part of the primary care initiative called Better Access   | 2710, 2702, 2712 and 2713   |
| CP           | Consultant psychiatry items, created or significantly altered by Better Access   | 291, 293, 296, 297 and 299  |
| CP+          | All/most psychiatrist services   | 291, 293, 296, 297, 299, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318 and 319 |
| CP - 291     | An initial assessment by psychiatrist  | 291   |
| PTS          | Psychological therapy services: provided by a clinical psychologist  | 80000, 80005, 80010, 80015 and 80020  |
| FPS          | Focused psychological strategies, allied mental health items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General psychologist services</li> <li>• Occupational therapist services</li> <li>• Social worker services</li> </ul> | FPS-GenP + FPS-OT + FPS-SW (see below rows for corresponding items)               |
| FPS-GenP     | General psychologist services  | 80100, 80105, 80110, 80115 and 80120  |
| FPS-OT       | Occupational therapist services  | 80125, 80130, 80135, 80140 and 80145  |
| FPS-SW       | Social worker services   | 80150, 80155, 80160, 80165 and 80170  |