

Nursing Services Table of Costs

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Quick reference table – Common Item Numbers

Item number	Description (High level)	Insurer prior approval required	Fee – GST not included
300081	General Medical Procedures	No	\$48/procedure
300014	Home Nursing Services by a Registered Nurse	Yes (see table below)	\$113/hr
300087	Public Hospital Emergency Nurse Services	No	\$150/day
300089	Assisting Doctor in Minor Surgery	No	\$49/procedure
300053	Home Nursing Services by an Enrolled Nurse	Yes (see table below)	\$92/hr



You can click on the item numbers in the table to view details.

Item number / service	Description
300081 General Medical Procedures Insurer prior approval required No Fee – GST not included ¹ \$48 per procedure	Payable where a patient is seen by an advanced practice registered nurse (i.e., a nurse practitioner or rural and isolated practice nurse) and performs straightforward medical procedures that would normally be payable as part of a doctor's MBS attendance fee i.e., suturing a wound or removal of a superficial foreign body. This also includes outpatient care in hospitals.
300053 Home Nursing Services by an Enrolled Nurse Insurer prior approval required Yes Fee – GST not included ¹ \$92 per hour (charged pro-rata as a fraction of an hour)	Prior approval is required before providing this service. Home nursing services such as wound dressings and assistance with daily care. The insurer will not pay for home nursing services in excess of (4 weeks) without treating medical practitioner review. NB: must be referred by a medical practitioner. Weekday evening rate: \$103, Weekend rate: \$144
300014 Home Nursing Services by a Registered Nurse Insurer prior approval required Yes Fee – GST not included ¹ \$113 per hour (charged pro-rata as a fraction of an hour)	Prior approval is required before providing this service. Home nursing services such as dressing of wounds and assistance with daily care. The insurer will not pay for home nursing services in excess of four (4) weeks without a treating medical practitioner review. NB: must be referred by a medical practitioner. Weekday evening rate: \$128, Weekend rate: \$180.
300087 Public Hospital Emergency Nurse Services Insurer prior approval required No Fee – GST not included ¹ \$150 per day	To be invoiced where a worker receives primary emergency services provided by nursing staff only. This item number is used if the care is of an emergency nature only and the hospital is not considered to have a recognised emergency department as per the Public Health Services Table of Costs.

[300089](#) **Assisting Doctor in Minor Surgery**

Insurer prior approval required	No
Fee – GST not included ¹	\$49 per procedure

This item will be payable only if the procedure attracts an MBS assistance fee and there is no other doctor available to assist.

1. Rates do not include GST. Check with the [Australian Taxation Office](#) or your tax advisor if GST is applicable.

Who can provide nursing services to workers?

All nursing services performed must be provided by a nurse who has a current registration with the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency \(AHPRA\)](#).

Please note: Queensland Health advise that public patients deemed to have an invalid claim for workers' compensation are entitled to revert to public patient status in accordance with the provisions of the Australian Health Care Agreement.

Standard Nursing Services (Item numbers 300081, 300014, 300053, 300087, 300089)

Must be pre-approved by the insurer.

- A service must relate directly to the accepted work-related injury/ies and be considered a necessary and reasonable expense under the [Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003](#) (the Act).
- Services approved must relate to the care of a worker and not extended to family or support networks.
- Serious Personal Injury and complex injury claims, as assessed by an appropriately qualified assessor, may require ongoing arrangements with care and support services to support complex support needs. (Spinal Cord Injury, Traumatic Brain Injury, Brachial Plexus Injury, Serious Burns, Inhalation Burns resulting in permanent respiratory impairment, Blindness, Amputations, and some other complex injuries) Please see Delivery of Disability Related Supports by a Nurse below.
- Where claims are not high intensity care needs apply WorkCover, Nursing Services Table of Costs rates – Standard Nursing Services.

Please note: Prior approval required before approving these services.

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High Intensity Nursing Services - Disability Related Supports by a nurse

High intensity supports refers to personal care services that require professional skills, training, and expertise. Like nursing services, high intensity supports may be delivered while the participant is at home or away from home and in the community.

The National Injury and Insurance Scheme (NIISQ) Agency may fund high intensity supports for a participant who has complex medical needs. High intensity supports may be provided by a person who has significant experience and understanding of health needs and who may be:

- suitably trained attendant care workers
- assistant in nursing
- enrolled nurse
- endorsed enrolled nurse
- registered nurse
- clinical nurse or nurse practitioner.

The appropriate provider of high intensity supports depends on a participant's individual circumstances and must be consistent with the NIISQ Agency's policies which apply to providers. High intensity supports may be appropriate where a participant requires the following in relation to their accepted injury:

- catheter changes

- complex bowel care such as an enema
- complex wound management and pressure care
- ventilation management
- tracheostomy changes
- percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) changes
- pain management
- oversight of personal care programs for those with significant or complex medical needs.

Definition for High Intensity Supports – refer to NISQ [Treatment, Care and Support Guidelines](#)

High intensity nursing care services will be reviewed in line with the National Disability and Insurance Scheme (NDIS) [Pricing arrangements](#) ^

^ WorkCover reserves the right to withdraw support for NDIS high intensity nursing services. WorkCover will continuously monitor NDIS rates and may reassess agreed rates, as necessary.

Hire/loan items

Prior approval must be obtained from the insurer for payments for hire or loan of items e.g., biofeedback monitors. The insurer will determine the reasonable cost and period for hire or loan and is not liable for the deposit, maintenance, repair, or loss of the hire equipment.

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