

Bone Mineral Densitometry

From November 1 2017, Medicare made some changes to the testing for diagnosis and monitoring of osteoporosis.

MBS ITEM NUMBERS AND DESCRIPTIONS

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
12320	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the patient is 70 years of age or over; and either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the patient has not previously had bone densitometry; or the t-score for the patient's bone mineral density is -1.5 or more; <p>For any particular patient, once only in a 5 year period</p>
12322	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the patient is 70 years of age or over; and the t-score for the patient's bone mineral density is less than -1.5 but more than -2.5 <p>For any particular patient, once only in a 2 year period</p>
12306	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> confirmation of a presumptive diagnosis of low bone mineral density made on the basis of one or more fractures occurring after minimal trauma; or monitoring of low bone mineral density proven by bone densitometry at least 12 months previously; <p>For any particular patient, once only in a 24 month period</p>
12312	<p>for diagnosis and monitoring of bone loss associated with one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> prolonged glucocorticoid therapy; any condition associated with excess glucocorticoid secretion; male hypogonadism; female hypogonadism lasting more than 6 months before the age of 45; <p>For any particular patient, once only in a 12 month period</p>
12315	<p>for diagnosis and monitoring of bone loss associated with one or more of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> primary hyperparathyroidism; chronic liver disease; chronic renal disease; any proven malabsorptive disorder; rheumatoid arthritis; any condition associated with thyroxine excess; <p>For any particular patient, once only in a 24 month period</p>
12321	<p>at least 12 months after a significant change in therapy (including interpretation and reporting) for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> established low bone mineral density; or confirming a presumptive diagnosis of low bone mineral density made on the basis of one or more fractures occurring after minimal trauma <p>For any particular patient, once only in a 12 month period</p>

These item numbers must be performed:

- By a specialist, consultant physician or a person that holds a radiation licence (as required by State or Territory law)
- Under the supervision of an appropriate specialist or consultant physician and;
- Interpretation and report for these scans must be provided by a specialist or consultant physician