

## Medicare Requirements and Item Numbers for Bone Mineral Density Testing

Details for DXA rebates may be found in the November 2007 Medicare Benefits Schedule book or online. Ref to paragraph D1.26 for explanatory notes for the different categories

### Item 12306 (rebateable biannually)

- One or more fractures occurring after minimal trauma; (the confirmation of a presumptive diagnosis of low bone mineral density made on the basis of one or more fractures occurring after minimal trauma)
- Monitoring of low bone mineral density proven by previous bone densitometry. Low bone mineral density is present when the bone mineral density falls more than 1.5 standard deviations below the age matched mean, ( Z score ) or more than 2.5 standard deviations below the young normal mean at the same site and in the same gender. (T-score )

### Item 12312 (rebateable annually)

- Prolonged glucocorticoid therapy.
- Conditions associated with excess glucocorticoid secretion.
- Male hypogonadism ( defined as serum testosterone level below the age matched normal range)
- Female hypogonadism lasting more than 6 months before the age of 45 (defined as serum oestrogen levels below the age matched normal range.

### Item 12315 (rebateable biannually)

- Primary hyperparathyroidism.
- Chronic liver disease.
- Chronic renal disease.
- Proven malabsorptive disorders.
- Rheumatoid arthritis.
- Conditions associated with thyroxine excess.

### Item 12321 (rebateable annually)

For the measurement of bone density following a significant change in therapy e.g. a change in the classification of drugs rather than a change of dosage for:

- Established low bone mineral density.
- The confirmation of a presumptive diagnosis of low bone mineral density made on the basis of 1 or more fractures occurring after minimal trauma.

### Item 12323

- For the measurement of bone density for a person aged 70 years or over. Not being a service to which item 12306, 12312, 12315 or 12321 applies.

### Item BF095

Is to be used when a patient is not rebated by Medicare.