

# Do you know the new Bone Densitometry Medicare Item Codes?

**PATIENTS: 70 YEARS AND OVER**

Is your patient 70 years of age and over and never had a BMD scan? **Medicare Item 12320**

Is your patient 70 years of age and over and previously had a BMD scan?  
Please review their previous diagnosis for the correct Medicare Item.

BMD T-score of -1.5 or above (Normal to mild Osteopenia)	BMD T-score of less than -1.5 and above -2.5 (Osteopenia)	BMD T-score of -2.5 or less (Osteoporosis)
<b>Medicare Item 12320</b> (1 service every 5 years)	<b>Medicare Item 12322</b> (1 service every 2 years)	<b>Medicare Item 12306</b> (1 service every 2 years)

**PATIENTS: ALL AGES**

Has your patient sustained a minimal fracture trauma? **Medicare Item 12306**  
(1 service every 2 years)

Have you diagnosed your patient with:

- Prolonged & current glucocorticoid therapy (as per dose limits outlined in the MBS);
- Conditions associated with excess glucocorticoid secretion;
- Male hypogonadism; or
- Female hypogonadism lasting more than 6 months before the age of 45.

**Medicare Item 12312**  
(1 service every 12 months)

Have you diagnosed your patient with:

- Primary hyperparathyroidism;
- Chronic liver disease;
- Chronic renal disease;
- Proven malabsorptive disorders (e.g. Coeliac or Crohn's disease);
- Rheumatoid arthritis; or
- Conditions associated with thyroxine excess.

**Medicare Item 12315**  
(1 service every 2 years)

Has your patient had a significant change in therapy for established low BMD? **Medicare Item 12321**  
(1 service every 12 months)