

## BONE MINERAL DENSITOMETRY MEDICARE REBATE CRITERIA

Medicare Rebate criteria for Bone Mineral Densitometry is extremely complex and is based on several factors including age, previous diagnosis, related medical conditions. Bone Mineral Densitometry rebates can also only be accessed once in a predefined period.

To assist your understanding of the Medicare Rebate criteria we have summarised the data and provided the specific Medicare Rebate Conditions.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact your nearest Uniting Care Medical Imaging Clinic.

## BONE MINERAL DENSITOMETRY REBATABLE INDICATIONS

REQUEST TYPE	WHO CAN REFER	MEDICARE REQUIRED CRITERIA	FREQUENCY
<b>Screening</b>	Specialist Consultant Physician GP	Patient is over 70 years old and has not previously had bone densitometry. <b><u>OR</u></b>  The t-score for the patient's bone mineral density is -1.5 or more.	Payable once per 12 month period
<b>Known or suspected low bone density</b>	Specialist Consultant Physician GP	Previous low bone density on BMD. <b><u>OR</u></b>  Fractures with the cause suspected to be related to low bone density.	Payable once per 12 month period
<b>Patients with specific conditions</b>	Specialist Consultant Physician GP	Prolonged glucocorticoid therapy. <b><u>OR</u></b>  Any condition associated with excess glucocorticoid secretion. <b><u>OR</u></b>  Male hypogonadism. <b><u>OR</u></b>  Female hypogonadism lasting more than 6 months before the age of 45.	Payable once per 12 month period
<b>Patients with specific conditions</b>	Specialist Consultant Physician GP	Primary hyperparathyroidism. <b><u>OR</u></b>  Chronic liver disease. <b><u>OR</u></b>  Any proven malabsorptive disorder. <b><u>OR</u></b>  Rheumatoid arthritis. <b><u>OR</u></b>  Any condition associated with thyroxine excess.	Payable once per 12 month period