



## Health Insurance (Bone Densitometry) Determination 2012

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I, RICHARD BARTLETT, delegate of the Minister for Health and Ageing, make this Determination under subsection 3C(1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

Dated 25 October 2012

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**1. Name of Determination**

This Determination is the *Health Insurance (Bone Densitometry) Determination 2012*.

**2. Commencement**

This Determination commences on 1 November 2012.

**3. Revocation**

This Determination revokes the *Health Insurance (Bone Densitometry) Determination 2011*.

**4. Interpretation**

(1) In this Determination:

*relevant service* means a health service, as defined in subsection 3C(8) of the Act, that is specified in the Schedule.

*the Act* means the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

*the Schedule* means the Schedule to this Determination.

*Note* Unless the contrary intention appears, expressions used in this Determination have the same meanings as in the Act—see section 13 of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

(2) Unless the contrary intention appears, in this Determination a reference to a provision of the Act or the *National Health Act 1953* or regulations made under the Act or under the *National Health Act 1953* as applied, adopted or incorporated in relation to specifying a matter is a reference to those provisions as in force from time to time and any other reference to provisions of an Act or regulations is a reference to those provisions as in force from time to time.

**5. Treatment of a relevant service**

A relevant service shall be treated as if:

- (a) it were both a professional service and a medical service for the purposes of the provisions of the Act, the *National Health Act 1953*, the *Health Insurance Regulations 1975* and the *National Health Regulations 1954* that make provision in respect of professional services or medical services; and
- (b) there were an item in the general medical services table that related to the relevant service and specified in respect of the service a fee in relation to a State, being the fee specified in the Schedule in relation to the State specified.

## Schedule Specified health services

Item	Health Service	Fee for all States
12306	<p>Bone densitometry (performed by a specialist or consultant physician in the practice of his or her specialty where the patient is referred by another medical practitioner), <b>using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry</b>, for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the confirmation of a presumptive diagnosis of low bone mineral density made on the basis of 1 or more fractures occurring after minimal trauma; or</li> <li>• for the monitoring of low bone mineral density proven by bone densitometry at least 12 months previously.</li> </ul> <p>Measurement of 2 or more sites - <b>1 service only in a period of 24 months</b> - including interpretation and report; not being a service associated with a service to which item 12309, 12312, 12315, 12318, 12321 or 12323 applies.</p>	\$102.40
12309	<p>Bone densitometry (performed by a specialist or consultant physician in the practice of his or her specialty where the patient is referred by another medical practitioner), <b>using quantitative computerised tomography</b>, for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the confirmation of a presumptive diagnosis of low bone mineral density made on the basis of 1 or more fractures occurring after minimal trauma; or</li> <li>• for the monitoring of low bone mineral density proven by bone densitometry at least 12 months previously.</li> </ul> <p>Measurement of 2 or more sites - <b>1 service only in a period of 24 months</b> - including interpretation and report; not being a service associated with a service to which item 12306, 12312, 12315, 12318, 12321 or 12323 applies.</p>	\$102.40
12312	<p>Bone densitometry (performed by a specialist or consultant physician in the practice of his or her specialty where the patient is referred by another medical practitioner), <b>using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry</b>, for the diagnosis and monitoring of bone loss associated with 1 or more of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prolonged glucocorticoid therapy;</li> <li>• conditions associated with excess glucocorticoid secretion;</li> <li>• male hypogonadism; or</li> <li>• female hypogonadism lasting more than 6 months before the age of 45.</li> </ul> <p>Where the bone density measurement will contribute to the management of a patient with any of the above conditions - measurement of 2 or more sites - <b>1 service only in a period of 12 consecutive months</b> – including interpretation and report; not being a service associated with a service to which item 12306, 12309, 12315, 12318, 12321 or 12323 applies.</p>	\$102.40

Item	Health Service	Fee for all States
12315	<p>Bone densitometry (performed by a specialist or consultant physician in the practice of his or her specialty where the patient is referred by another medical practitioner), <b>using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry</b>, for the diagnosis and monitoring of bone loss associated with 1 or more of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• primary hyperparathyroidism;</li> <li>• chronic liver disease;</li> <li>• chronic renal disease;</li> <li>• proven malabsorptive disorders;</li> <li>• rheumatoid arthritis; or</li> <li>• conditions associated with thyroxine excess.</li> </ul> <p>Where the bone density measurement will contribute to the management of a patient with any of the above conditions - measurement of 2 or more sites - <b>1 service only in a period of 24 consecutive months</b> – including interpretation and report; not being a service associated with a service to which item 12306, 12309, 12312, 12318, 12321 or 12323 applies.</p>	\$102.40
12318	<p>Bone densitometry (performed by a specialist or consultant physician in the practice of his or her specialty where the patient is referred by another medical practitioner), <b>using quantitative computerised tomography</b>, for the diagnosis and monitoring of bone loss associated with 1 or more of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prolonged glucocorticoid therapy;</li> <li>• conditions associated with excess glucocorticoid secretion;</li> <li>• male hypogonadism;</li> <li>• female hypogonadism lasting more than 6 months before the age of 45;</li> <li>• primary hyperparathyroidism;</li> <li>• chronic liver disease;</li> <li>• chronic renal disease;</li> <li>• proven malabsorptive disorders;</li> <li>• rheumatoid arthritis; or</li> <li>• conditions associated with thyroxine excess.</li> </ul> <p>Where the bone density measurement will contribute to the management of a patient with any of the above conditions - measurement of 2 or more sites - <b>1 service only in a period of 24 consecutive months</b> – including interpretation and report; not being a service associated with a service to which item 12306, 12309, 12312, 12315, 12321 or 12323 applies.</p>	\$102.40

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Item	Health Service	Fee for all States
12321	<p>Bone densitometry (performed by a specialist or consultant physician in the practice of his or her specialty where the patient is referred by another medical practitioner), <b>using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry</b>, for the measurement of bone density 12 months following a significant change in therapy for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• established low bone mineral density; or</li> <li>• the confirmation of a presumptive diagnosis of low bone mineral density made on the basis of 1 or more fractures occurring after minimal trauma.</li> </ul> <p>Measurement of 2 or more sites - <b>1 service only in a period of 12 consecutive months</b> -including interpretation and report; not being a service associated with a service to which item 12306, 12309, 12312, 12315 or 12318 applies.</p>	\$102.40
12323	<p>Bone densitometry (performed by a specialist or consultant physician in the practice of his or her specialty where the patient is referred by another medical practitioner), <b>using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry or quantitative computerised tomography</b>, for the measurement of bone mineral density, for a person aged 70 years or over.</p> <p>Measurement of 2 or more sites - including interpretation and report; not being a service associated with a service to which item 12306, 12309, 12312, 12315, 12318 or 12321 applies.</p>	\$102.40

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