

Homoeopaths 2009

NATIONAL REFERENCE PRICE LIST FOR SERVICES BY HOMOEOPATHS EFFECTIVE FROM 1 JANUARY 2009		
<p>The following reference price list is not a set of tariffs that must be applied by medical schemes and/or providers. It is rather intended to serve as a baseline against which medical schemes can individually determine benefit levels and health service providers can individually determine fees charged to patients. Medical schemes may, for example, determine in their rules that their benefit in respect of a particular health service is equivalent to a specified percentage of the national health reference price list. It is especially intended to serve as a basis for negotiation between individual funders and individual health care providers with a view to facilitating agreements which will minimise balance billing against members of medical schemes. Should individual medical schemes wish to determine benefit structures, and individual providers determine fee structures, on some other basis without reference to this list, they may do so as well.</p> <p>In calculating the prices in this schedule, the following rounding method is used: Values R10 and below rounded to the nearest cent, R10+ rounded to the nearest 10cent. Modifier values are rounded to the nearest cent. When new item prices are calculated, e.g. when applying a modifier, the same rounding scheme should be followed.</p> <p>VAT EXCLUSIVE PRICES APPEAR IN BRACKETS.</p>		
GENERAL RULES		
1	<p>All accounts must be presented with the following information clearly stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · name of homoeopath; · qualifications of the homoeopath; · BHF practice number; · postal address and telephone number; · date on which service(s) were provided; · The relevant diagnostic codes and NHRPL item code numbers relating to the health service rendered; · the nature of treatment; · the surname and initials of the member; · the first name of the patient; · the name of the scheme; · the membership number of the member; · where the account is a photocopy of the original, certification by way of a rubberstamp or the signature of the homoeopath; and · a statement of whether the account is in accordance with the National Reference Price List. 	04.00
2	<p>It is recommended that, when such benefits are granted, drugs, consumables and disposable items used during a procedure or issued to a patient on discharge will only be reimbursed by a medical scheme if the appropriate code is supplied on the account.</p>	04.00
Definition: Consultations		
	<p>Consultation: A situation where a Homoeopathic Practitioner takes down a patient's full history and (where applicable) performs an appropriate examination, and repertorisation of the case and study of Materia Medica and/or prescribes or administers treatment and/or medicine or assists the patient with advice. (The method of repertorisation and selection of medicine is determined by the practitioner).</p> <p>or</p> <p>A voluntary scheduled consultation for the same condition within four (4) months (although the symptoms may differ from those presented during the first consultation). It may imply taking down a history and/or repertorisation of the case and study of Materia Medica and/or examination and/or prescribing or administering of treatment and/or medicine and/or counselling.</p> <p>Multiple complaints attended to during same visit: Only one consultation fee is chargeable although the patient may present with a number of complaints. If the patient has an unrelated complaint at the time of administering e.g. a homoeopathic injection as part of a course only a fee for a visit is appropriate.</p> <p>Hospital visits: at hospital or nursing home (all hours). By arrangement with scheme/patient.</p>	06.04
Definition: Medicines		
	<p>Prescribed medicine: Homoeopathic medicines are prescribed in accordance with the homoeopathic principles and philosophy. The philosophy may consist of a classical, a clinical or a combined classical/clinical approach. The prescription may include proprietary homoeopathic medicine, or patient specific compounded medicine or a combination of both. The prescription may also include specially imported medicine. The medicine may be prescribed in the form of a tablet, capsules, ampoules, liquid drops, liquid syrup, eardrops, nose drops, eye drops, pillules, granules, powders, ointments, creams, suppositories, stickers, etc. The medicine may be prescribed in a simplex potency, mother tincture (Æ), low potency, multi-potency, etc and/or complex form.</p> <p>Proprietary medicine: These are registered medicines (consonant with the homoeopathic scope of practice) that are available in the open market or trade, or which are bought in bulk from manufacturers or wholesalers and dispensed to patients in smaller volumes without any compounding or manipulation. The dispensing of such medicine requires the appropriate NAPPI Code provided by the Manufacturer/Distributor.</p> <p>Non-proprietary homoeopathic medicine: These are homoeopathic medicines (consonant with the homoeopathic scope of practice) which are formulated and/or prepared and/or manipulated, and/or compounded in-house by the registered homoeopathic practitioner, and/or by a registered homoeopathic medicine manufacturer in accordance with the prescription and/or formula of the registered homoeopathic practitioner and which is not available in the market/trade.</p> <p>Dispense/Dispensing: in terms of Act 101 of 1965 means in the case of a medical practitioner, dentist, practitioner, nurse or any prescriber authorised to dispense medicines.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. the interpretation and evaluation of a prescription; ii. the selection, reconstitution, dilution, labelling, recording and supply of the medicine in an appropriate container; or iii. the provision of information and instructions to ensure safe and effective use of a medicine by a patient. <p>Compound/Compounding: means to prepare, mix, combine, package and label a medicine for dispensing as a result of a prescription for an individual patient by a pharmacist or a person authorised in terms of Act 101 of 1965.</p> <p>Proprietary Materials: To be used for all material and/or unregistered/unscheduled products used in treatment. The appropriate NAPPI code(s), where applicable, must be provided.</p>	09.00

Code	Description	Ver	Add	Homoeopathy	
				RVU	Fee
General Rules on Medicines, supplies, material and use of own equipment in treatment and procedures					
	<p>MEDICINE CODE USAGE:</p> <p>Licensed Practitioners 201: as medicine dispensed to patients may only be used by a practitioner licensed to dispense medicine. 202-204: as compounded medicines which are dispensed to patients may only be used by a practitioner licensed to compound and dispense medicine 221-224: may be used by a licensed practitioner in the administration or usage of a medicine or material during the consultation. Items 222-224 specifically require a compounding license. 209: the use or administration of proprietary materials during a consultation.</p> <p>Unlicensed Practitioners: 221: administered proprietary medicine (consonant with the homoeopathic scope of practice) to patients during the consultation as administration does not warrant a dispensing license as per Regulation 18, Act 101 of 1965, which states:</p> <p>Regulation 18, Act 101 (8) For the purposes of this regulation, "compounding and dispensing" does not refer to a medicine requiring preparation for a once-off administration to a patient during a consultation.</p> <p>209: the use or administration of proprietary materials during a consultation 400: a dispensing code allowing the dispensing of proprietary Homoeopathic medicine to a patient for an emergency medical condition on a once-off basis by an unlicensed practitioner. This should only be used bearing in mind the understanding of the term "emergency medical condition" where failure to such an act would prove a danger to the patient or community or as defined by the Regulations to the Medical Schemes Act, 1998 (Act 131 of 1998):</p> <p>"Emergency Medical Condition" means the sudden and, at the time, unexpected onset of a health condition that requires immediate medical or surgical treatment, where failure to provide medical or surgical treatment would result in serious impairment to bodily functions or serious dysfunction of a bodily organ or part, or would place the person's life in serious jeopardy.</p> <p>Reflection of NAPPI/NHRPL codes on electronic and paper claims: 1. NAPPI Codes are only relevant for Items 201, 221 and, if applicable, 209 2. Due to the nature of non-proprietary medicine, no NAPPI codes exist for items 202-204 and 222-224 and the inclusion of the NHRPL codes should be regarded as sufficient 3. For electronic claims each NHRPL and/or NAPPI code should be reflected on its own line followed by consecutive columns: the Single Exit Price (SEP) or NHRPL value (VAT inclusive) of the specific medicine and the total amount reflecting a VAT inclusive amount.</p>				09.00
	<p>Items 201 and 209 provide for the charge of material and medicine used in treatment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · All materials used should be specified on all accounts. · Medicine, bandages and other essential materials for home-use by the patient must be obtained from a chemist on prescription or, if a chemist is not readily available, the practitioner may supply it from own stock provided a relevant prescription is attached to the account. · Not appropriate for items such as spatulas that are normally used in examinations in the rooms. · Not appropriate for items such as syringes, needles and gloves, etc. · Practitioners are not allowed to sell sphygmomanometers (blood pressure meters) or electro-medical devices to patients. · For side room testing by practitioners no extra charge in terms of item 201 is applicable for material or kits used. <p>The amount charged in respect of proprietary medicines shall be at net acquisition price.</p> <p>In relation to all other materials, items are to be charged (exclusive of VAT) at net acquisition price plus -</p> <p>* 26% of the net acquisition price where the net acquisition price of that material is less than one hundred rands; and</p> <p>* a maximum of twenty six rands where the net acquisition price of that material is greater than or equal to one hundred rands.</p>				06.05
ITEMS					
1.	Consultations				
Code	Description	Ver	Add	Homoeopathy	
				RVU	Fee
301	Consultation (initial or follow up). Duration 5 - 15 mins	09.00		10.000	54.50 (47.80)
302	Consultation (initial or follow up). Duration 16 - 30 mins	06.04		22.500	122.70 (107.60)
303	Consultation (initial or follow up). Duration 31 - 45 mins	06.04		37.500	204.50 (179.40)
304	Consultation (initial or follow up). Duration 46 - 60 mins	06.04		52.500	286.30 (251.10)
004	Consultation, each additional full 15 mins, to a maximum of 60 mins	06.04		15.000	81.80 (71.80)
003	Hospital visit (BY ARRANGEMENT)	04.00		-	-
107	Appointment not kept (schemes will not necessarily grant benefits in respect of this item, it will fall into the "By arrangement with the scheme" or "Patient own account" category).	04.00		-	-

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2.	Medicines and Materials				
2.1	Licensed practitioner in licensed area:				
Dispensed Medicine:					
	Codes 201 - 204 are to allow for the dispensing of medicine - either proprietary or non-proprietary. Code 201 requires only a Dispensing License Codes 202 - 204 require a combined Compounding and Dispensing license				09.00
201	Proprietary (dispensed) medicine, all forms related to homoeopathic scope of practice. The amount charged in respect of proprietary homeopathic medicines shall be at cost using appropriate NAPPI code.	09.00		-	-
202	Non-proprietary (compounded and dispensed) Homoeopathic Medicine - Tablets & Capsules (each)	09.00		0.100	1.11 (0.98)
203	Non-proprietary (compounded and dispensed) Homoeopathic Medicine - Liquid drops (per ml)	09.00		0.230	2.56 (2.25)
204	Non-proprietary (compounded and dispensed) Homoeopathic Medicine - Pillules & granules (per ml)	09.00		0.230	2.56 (2.25)
Administered Medicine/Materials:					
221	Proprietary (administered) medicine, all forms related to homoeopathic scope of practice. The amount charged in respect of proprietary homeopathic medicines shall be at cost using appropriate NAPPI code.	09.00			
222	Non-proprietary (compounded and administered) Homoeopathic Medicine - Tablets & Capsules (each)	09.00		0.100	1.11 (0.98)
223	Non-proprietary (compounded and administered) Homoeopathic Medicine - Liquid drops (per ml)	09.00		0.230	2.56 (2.25)
224	Non-proprietary (compounded and administered) Homoeopathic Medicine - Pillules & granules (per ml)	09.00		0.230	2.56 (2.25)
209	Proprietary Materials (administered)	09.00			
2.2	Unlicensed practitioner OR licensed practitioner in unlicensed area:				
Dispensed Medicine:					
400	Once off dispensing: Once off dispensing of proprietary homeopathic medicine, all forms, by unlicensed Homoeopathic practitioners or licensed homoeopathic practitioner in an unlicensed area. The amount charged in respect of proprietary homeopathic medicines shall be at cost using appropriate NAPPI code. To be used as emergency only.	09.00		-	-
Administered Medicine:					
221	Proprietary (administered) medicine, all forms related to homoeopathic scope of practice. The amount charged in respect of proprietary homeopathic medicines shall be at cost using appropriate NAPPI code.	09.00			
209	Proprietary Materials (administered)	09.00			