

Hospices 2009

NATIONAL REFERENCE PRICE LIST IN RESPECT OF HOSPICE OR SIMILAR APPROVED FACILITIES WITH A PRACTICE NUMBER COMMENCING WITH "79" WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JANUARY 2009

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.

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.

VAT EXCLUSIVE PRICES APPEAR IN BRACKETS.

GENERAL RULES

A	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.	04.00
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SCHEDULE

10 HOSPICE OR SIMILAR APPROVED FACILITIES WITH A PRACTICE NUMBER COMMENCING WITH "79"					
Code	Description	Ver	Add	Hospices	
				RVU	Fee
950	Ward fee, per day (Inclusive of professional fees and disposables, except for pharmacy dispensed medication).	05.02		30.552	742.90 (651.60)
955	Home health care, per visit	04.00		10.000	243.20 (213.30)
960	Global fee for a terminally ill patient - By arrangement with medical scheme/patient	05.02		-	-