Dr Glenn & Partners
MEDICAL IMAGING

Bone Mineral Density Medicare Guide

70 YEARS AND OVER

Is your patient 70 years of age and over and never had a BMD scan?

→ Medicare item 12320 Bulk Billed

Is your patient 70 years of age and over and HAD a BMD scan?

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 less than -2.5 (Osteoporosis)
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Medicare item 12320 - Bulk Billed (1 service every 5 years)	Medicare item 12322 - Bulk Billed (1 service every 2 years)	Medicare item 12306* - Bulk Billed (1 service every 2 years)

*This Medicare item number relates to patients of all ages

ALL AGES

Has your patient sustained a minimal trauma fracture?

→ Medicare item 12306 Bulk Billed (1 service every 2 years)

Have you diagnosed your patient with:

- Prolonged & current glucocorticoid therapy (as per dose limits outlined in 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 Bulk Billed (1 service every 12 months)

Have you diagnosed your patient with:

- Primary hyperparathyroidism:
- Chronic liver disease
- Chronic renal disease:
- Proven malabsoptive disorders (Coeliac or Crohn's disease etc)
- Rheumatoid arthritis: or
- Conditions associated with thyroxine excess

→ Medicare item 12315 Bulk Billed (1 service every 2 years)

Has your patient had a significant change in therapy for established low BMD, or preumptive diagnosis of low BMD after one or more fractures - for BMD measurement?

→ Medicare item 12321 Bulk Billed (1 service every 12 months)