

What is it?

A collaborative service provided by a general practitioner and a pharmacist to review the medication management needs of residents who are likely to benefit from such a review.

Eligibility

- New residents on admission.
- Existing residents: “Residents for whom quality use of medicines may be an issue or who are at risk of medication misadventure because of a significant change in their condition or medication regime⁴.”
- Not available to residents receiving respite care.

Frequency

Medicare benefits are payable for a **maximum of one RMMR** per resident in any 12 month period. If a significant change in the resident’s clinical condition or care circumstances occurs before the 12 month review then a new RMMR may be performed and the resident’s invoice or Medicare voucher should be annotated to briefly indicate the reason why this was required (e.g. significant change in medical condition or medication regime).

NOTE: The RMMR pharmacist is eligible to conduct one annual RMMR without a GP referral.

The Process

1. Identify resident’s needing a medication review.
2. Consent obtained from resident or person responsible and recorded. GP or RACF can use the resident consent form for individual EPC items.
3. Written referral to pharmacist with relevant clinical documentation.
4. Contact the pharmacist to discuss the pharmacist’s component of the review. Set a post review discussion date.
5. A post review discussion with the pharmacist (face to face or by telephone) to discuss the findings of the pharmacist’s medication management strategies. *(This is not mandatory where there are no recommended changes or changes are minor in nature not requiring discussion).*
6. Consult with resident/person responsible to discuss outcomes of the review and proposed medication management strategy and obtain their verbal agreement to the plan.
7. Prepare written medication management plan.
8. Copy of the plan to resident’s medical records and resident or person responsible.
9. Claim Item 903. *Note: if you do not bulk bill, you will personally need to obtain consent for a fee to be charged.*
10. GP can add a recall to resident’s file for an RMMR in 12 months (only do another RMMR if clinically indicated).

Resources

	Medical Director templates	EPC folder
RMMR Referral Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CARE PLAN/RMMR Management Plan Template	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resident Consent form for Individual EPC items	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1. Medicare Benefits Schedule - <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/Medicare-Benefits-Schedule-MBS-1> Nov 2006 edition (accessed August 2007).