

OCCUPATIONAL & ART THERAPY



GEMS TARIFF FOR SERVICES BY OCCUPATIONAL AND ART THERAPISTS WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JANUARY 2020

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	<p>In calculating the GEMS Tariff, 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>ALL GEMS TARIFFS ARE VAT INCLUSIVE.</p>								
	REGULATIONS DEFINING THE SCOPE OF THE PROFESSION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (R2145 - 31 July 1992)								
GENERAL RULES									
006	<p>Where emergency treatment is provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> during working hours, and the provision of such treatment requires the practitioner to leave her or his practice to attend to the patient in hospital; or after working hours the fee for such visits shall be the total fee plus 50%. <p>For purposes of this rule:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> \\"emergency treatment\\" means a bona fide, justifiable emergency occupational therapy procedure, where failure to provide the procedure immediately 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; and \\"working hours\\" means 8h00 to 17h00, Monday to Friday. <p>Modifier 0006 must be quoted after the appropriate code number(s) to indicate that this rule is applicable.</p> <p>Rule 006 does not apply to art therapy.</p>								

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008	<p>The provision of assistive devices shall be charged (exclusive of VAT) at net acquisition price plus –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26% of the net acquisition price where the net acquisition price of that appliance is less than one hundred rands; • a maximum of twenty six rands where the net acquisition price of that appliance is greater than or equal to one hundred rands. <p>Modifier 0008 must be quoted after the appropriate code numbers to show that this rule is applicable.</p>								
009	<p>Materials used in the construction of orthoses or pressure garments shall be charged (exclusive of VAT) at net acquisition price plus -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26% of the net acquisition price where the net acquisition price of that material is less than one hundred rands; • a maximum of twenty six rands where the net acquisition price of that material is greater than or equal to one hundred rands. <p>Modifier 0009 must be quoted after the appropriate code numbers to show that this rule is applicable.</p> <p>Rule 009 does not apply to art therapy.</p>								
010	<p>Materials used in treatment shall be charged (exclusive of VAT) at net acquisition price plus -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26% of the net acquisition price where the net acquisition price of that material is less than one hundred rands; • a maximum of twenty six rands where the net acquisition price of that material is greater than or equal to one hundred rands. <p>Modifier 0010 must be quoted after the appropriate code numbers to show that this rule is applicable.</p>								
011	<p>Where the therapist performs treatments away from the treatment rooms, travelling costs to be charged according to AA rates e.g. for domicilliary treatments or treatments in nursing homes. Modifier 0011 must be quoted after the appropriate code numbers to show that this rule is applicable.</p> <p>Please note that although only some medical schemes accept responsibility for the payment of transport expenses, others do so in exceptional cases only.</p>								

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012	<p>"Every practitioner shall render a monthly account in respect of any service rendered during the month, irrespective of whether or not the treatment has been completed. NB. Every account shall contain the following particulars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The name and practice number of the consulting occupational or art therapist. ii. The name of the member. iii. The name of the patient. iv. The name of the medical scheme. v. The membership number of the patient. vi. The nature of the treatment. vii. The date on which the service was rendered. viii. The relevant diagnostic codes and NHRPL item code numbers relating to the health service rendered. 								
013	<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> <p>Please note: In the case of occupational therapy, a code will only be required when a standard proprietary (off the shelf) product is used. When a splint or support is made by the occupational therapist using or modifying one or more components, a code cannot accurately identify this non-standard product. Please refer to annexure itemising the most commonly made non-standard products used in occupational therapy and bill accordingly.</p> <p>The Occupational Therapy Association of S A has made available a generic list of non-proprietary splints and pressure garments commonly made by practitioners. The type of materials used to manufacture these products is at the discretion of the practitioner concerned. Price of splints and pressure garments may vary. See Annexures A & B."</p>								
MODIFIERS									
0006	Add 50% of the total fee for the procedure. Modifier 0006 does not apply to art therapy.								

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0008	Assistive devices to be charged (exclusive of VAT) at net acquisition price plus – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26% of the net acquisition price where the net acquisition price of that appliance is less than one hundred rands; a maximum of twenty six rands where the net acquisition price of that appliance is greater than or equal to one hundred rands. 								
0009	"Materials used for orthoses or pressure garments to be charged (exclusive of VAT) at net acquisition price plus - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26% of the net acquisition price where the net acquisition price of that appliance is less than one hundred rands; a maximum of twenty six rands where the net acquisition price of that appliance is greater than or equal to one hundred rands. See Annexures A & B for non-standard products. Modifier 0009 does not apply to art therapy.								
0010	Materials used in treatment to be charged (exclusive of VAT) at net acquisition price plus - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26% of the net acquisition price where the net acquisition price of that appliance is less than one hundred rands; a maximum of twenty six rands where the net acquisition price of that appliance is greater than or equal to one hundred rands. 								
0011	Travelling costs according to AA rates. Please note that although only some medical schemes accept responsibility for the payment of transport expenses, others do so in exceptional cases only.								
0021	Services rendered to hospital inpatients: Quote modifier 0021 on all accounts for services performed on hospital inpatients.								
ITEMS									
1	PROCEDURES OF INTERVIEWING, GUIDANCE AND CONSULTANCY								
108	Interview, guidance or consultation: 30 minute duration.	171	1,00	21,250	R246,70	380	1,00	21,250	R135,10
109	Interview, guidance or consultation. Each additional 15 mins. A maximum of four instances of this code may be charged per session.	171	1,00	10,630	R123,30	380	1,00	10,625	R67,50

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	Time based items in this section exclude time spent on procedures charged in addition to the consultation								
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).	171	1,00	0,000	R0,00	380	0,00	0,000	R0,00
110	Reports. To be used to motivate for therapy and/or give a progress report and/or a pre-authorisation report, where such a report is specifically required by the medical scheme.	171	1,00	16,500	R191,50	380	1,00	22,140	R140,80
501	Treatment in nursing home or other health care facilities. Relevant fee plus (once per day)	171	1,00	10,000	R116,10	380	1,00	10,000	R63,60
503	Domicillary treatments: Relevant fee plus	171	1,00	20,000	R232,20	380	1,00	20,000	R127,30
2	PROCEDURES OF INITIAL EVALUATION TO DETERMINE THE TREATMENT.								
201	Observation and screening.	171	1,00	7,500	R87,10	380	1,00	10,000	R63,60
203	Specific evaluation for a single aspect of dysfunction (Specify which aspect).	171	1,00	7,500	R87,10	380	1,00	10,000	R63,60
205	Specific evaluation of dysfunction involving one part of the body for a specific functional problem (Specify part and aspects evaluated)	171	1,00	22,500	R261,20	380	1,00	30,000	R190,70
207	Specific evaluation for dysfunction involving the whole body (Specify condition and which aspects evaluated).	171	1,00	45,000	R522,40	380	1,00	60,000	R381,50
209	Specific in depth evaluation of certain functions affecting the total person (Specify the aspects assessed).	171	1,00	75,000	R870,70	380	1,00	100,000	R635,60
211	Comprehensive in depth evaluation of the total person (Specify aspects assessed)	171	1,00	105,000	R1 219,30	380	1,00	140,000	R889,80
	Measurement for designing.								
213	Measurement for designing a static or dynamic orthosis	171	1,00	7,500	R87,10				R0,00
217	A pressure garment for one limb.	171	1,00	7,500	R87,10				R0,00
219	A pressure garment for one hand.	171	1,00	7,500	R87,10				R0,00
221	A pressure garment for the trunk.	171	1,00	7,500	R87,10				R0,00

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223	A pressure garment for the face (chin strap only).	171	1,00	7,500	R87,10				R0,00
225	A pressure garment for the face (full face mask).	171	1,00	7,500	R87,10				R0,00
	The whole body or part thereof will be the sum total of the parts								
227	Specific built-in musical aids					380	1,00	10,000	R63,60
3	PROCEDURES OF THERAPY.								
301	Group treatment in a task-centered activity, per patient (Treatment time 60 minutes or more).	171	1,00	10,000	R116,10	381	1,00	8,840	R90,40
303	Placement of a patient in an appropriate treatment situation requiring structuring the environment, adapting equipment and positioning the patient. This does not require individual attention for the whole treatment session, per patient)	171	1,00	15,000	R174,30	380	1,00	10,000	R63,60
305	Groups directed to achieve common aims, per patient) (Treatment time 60 minutes or more).	171	1,00	20,000	R232,20	381	1,00	16,500	R168,70
307	Simultaneous treatment with two to four patients, each with specific problems, utilising individual activities, per patient (Treatment time 60 minutes or more)	171	1,00	20,000	R232,20	380	1,00	20,000	R127,30
308	Simultaneous treatment with two to four neuro-behavioural and stress related conditions or severe head injury patients, each with specific problems, utilising individual activities, per patient (Treatment time 90 minutes or more)	171	1,00	30,000	R348,30	380	1,00	30,000	R190,70
	Individual and undivided attention during treatment sessions utilising specific activity and/or techniques in an integrated treatment session								
309	On level one (15 minutes).	171	1,00	10,000	R116,10	381	1,00	10,000	R102,40
311	On level two (30 minutes).	171	1,00	20,000	R232,20	381	1,00	20,000	R204,60
313	On level three (45 minutes).	171	1,00	30,000	R348,30	381	1,00	30,000	R306,80
315	On level four (60 minutes).	171	1,00	40,000	R464,40	381	1,00	40,000	R408,90
317	On level five (90 minutes).	171	1,00	50,000	R580,60	381	1,00	50,000	R511,20
319	On level six (120 minutes).	171	1,00	60,000	R696,60	381	1,00	60,000	R613,50
4	PROCEDURES REQUIRED TO PROMOTE TREATMENT.								
401	Recommendations as regards to assistive devices, environmental adaptations, alternative/compensatory methods, handling the patient	171	1,00	15,000	R174,30	381	1,00	10,000	R102,40

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	Designing and constructing a custom-made adaptation, assistive device, splint or simple pressure garment for treatment in a task-centered activity (specify the adaptation, assistive device, splint or simple pressure garment)								
403	On level one.	171	1,00	10,000	R116,10	381	1,00	10,000	R102,40
405	On level two.	171	1,00	20,000	R232,20	381	1,00	20,000	R204,60
407	On level three.	171	1,00	30,000	R348,30	381	1,00	30,000	R306,80
409	On level four.	171	1,00	40,000	R464,40	381	1,00	40,000	R408,90
411	On level five.	171	1,00	50,000	R580,60	381	1,00	50,000	R511,20
413	On level six.	171	1,00	60,000	R696,60	381	1,00	60,000	R613,50
415	Designing and constructing a static orthosis.	171	1,00	60,000	R696,60				R0,00
417	Designing and constructing a dynamic orthosis.	171	1,00	120,000	R1 393,10				R0,00
	Designing and constructing pressure garment for:								
419	Limb.	171	1,00	60,000	R696,60				R0,00
421	Face (chin strap only).	171	1,00	45,000	R522,40				R0,00
423	Face (full face mask).	171	1,00	60,000	R696,60				R0,00
425	Trunk.	171	1,00	90,000	R1 045,10				R0,00
427	Hand.	171	1,00	90,000	R1 045,10				R0,00
	The whole body or part thereof will be the sum total of the parts for the first garment and 75% of the fee for any additional garments made on the same pattern								
431	Planning and preparing in depth home programme on a monthly basis.	171	1,00	90,000	R1 045,10	380	1,00	120,000	R762,90
434	Hiring equipment: 1% of the current replacement value of the equipment per day. Total charge not to exceed 50% of replacement value. Description of equipment to be supplied.								
	Payment of this item is at the discretion of medical scheme concerned, and should be considered in instances where cost savings can be achieved. By prior arrangement with the medical scheme.								

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	List of splints and pressure garments exempted from NAPPI codes								
	Annexure A								
	Numbers and names of splints to be used with modifier 0009								
701	Static finger extension/flexion splint	170	0,00	0,000					
702	Dynamic finger extension/flexion	170	0,00	0,000					
703	Buddy strap	170	0,00	0,000					
704	DIP/PIP flexion strap	170	0,00	0,000					
705	MP, PIP, DIP flexion strap	170	0,00	0,000					
706	Hand based static finger extension/flexion	170	0,00	0,000					
707	Hand based static thumb extension/flexion/opposition/ abduction	170	0,00	0,000					
708	Hand based dynamic finger flexion/extension	170	0,00	0,000					
709	Hand based dynamic thumb flexion/extension/opposition/abduction	170	0,00	0,000					
710	Static wrist extension/flexion	170	0,00	0,000					
711	Dynamic wrist extension/flexion	170	0,00	0,000					
712	Flexion glove	170	0,00	0,000					
713	Forearm based dynamic finger flexion/extension	170	0,00	0,000					
714	Forearm based dorsal protection	170	0,00	0,000					
715	Forearm based volar resting	170	0,00	0,000					
716	Static elbow extension/flexion	170	0,00	0,000					
717	Dynamic elbow flexion/extension splint	170	0,00	0,000					
718	Shoulder abduction splint	170	0,00	0,000					
719	Static rigid neck splint	170	0,00	0,000					
720	Static soft neck splint/brace	170	0,00	0,000					
721	Static knee extension	170	0,00	0,000					

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722	Static foot dorsiflexion	170	0,00	0,000					
	Annexure B								
	Numbers and names of pressure garments to be used with modifier 0009								
801	Glove to wrist	170	0,00	0,000					
802	Glove to elbow	170	0,00	0,000					
803	Gauntlet (Glove with palm and thumb only)	170	0,00	0,000					
804	Sleeve: Upper/forearm	170	0,00	0,000					
805	Sleeve: full	170	0,00	0,000					
806	Vest + sleeves	170	0,00	0,000					
807	Sleeveless vest	170	0,00	0,000					
808	Upper leg	170	0,00	0,000					
809	Lower leg	170	0,00	0,000					
810	Full leg	170	0,00	0,000					
811	Pants (trunk and full legs)	170	0,00	0,000					
812	Briefs	170	0,00	0,000					
813	Anklet	170	0,00	0,000					
814	Knee length stocking	170	0,00	0,000					
815	Chin strap	170	0,00	0,000					
816	Full face mask	170	0,00	0,000					
817	Neck only	170	0,00	0,000					
818	Finger sock	170	0,00	0,000					
	Annexure C								
	List of materials used in treatment under modifier 0010								
901	Therapeutic putty	170	0,00	0,000					

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902	Wood, leather, sisal	170	0,00	0,000					
903	Sponge	170	0,00	0,000					
904	Elastonet	170	0,00	0,000					
905	Silicon gel sheeting	170	0,00	0,000					
	Annexure D								
	Assistive devices made by the therapist her/himself to be used with modifier 0008								
1001	Hip abduction cushion	170	0,00	0,000					
1002	Sponge on a stick	170	0,00	0,000					
1003	Hand grips (for utensils)	170	0,00	0,000					
1004	Bath bench	170	0,00	0,000					
1005	Bath seat	170	0,00	0,000					
1006	Transfer board	170	0,00	0,000					
1007	Plate surround	170	0,00	0,000					
1008	Wheelchair strap	170	0,00	0,000					