

## GEMS TARIFF FOR SERVICES BY PSYCHOLOGISTS WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JANUARY 2020

Practice Type: **Psychologists**  
Code: **086**

TARIFF CODE	TARIFF DESCRIPTION	CONVERSION FACTOR	BASE FACTOR	NUMBER OF UNITS	TARIFF VALUE
	<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>				
<b>GENERAL RULES</b>					
<b>B</b>	<p>Where emergency treatment is provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>during working hours, and the provision of such treatment requires the practitioner to leave her or his practice to attend to the patient at another venue; or</li> <li>after working hours</li> </ol> <p>the fee for such visits shall be the total fee plus 50%. For purposes of this rule:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>emergency treatment\” means a bona fide, justifiable emergency psychological procedure, where failure to provide the service immediately would result in serious or irreparable psychological or functional impairment</li> <li>working hours\” means 8h00 to 17h00, Monday to Friday.</li> </ol> <p>Modifier 0003 must be quoted after the appropriate code number(s) to indicate that this rule is applicable.</p>				
<b>C</b>	<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>				
<b>D</b>	<p>Every account shall contain the following particulars:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The surname and initials of the member;</li> <li>The surname, first name and other initials, if any, of the patient;</li> <li>The name of the scheme concerned;</li> <li>The membership number of the member;</li> <li>The practice code number, group practice number and individual provider registration number issued by the registering authorities for providers, if applicable, of the supplier of service and, in the case of a group practice, the name of the practitioner who provided the service;</li> <li>The date on which each relevant health service was rendered;</li> <li>The relevant diagnostic codes and NHRPL item code numbers relating to the health service rendered.</li> </ol>				

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E	Compilation of reports is only to be included within billable time if these reports are for purposes of motivating for therapy and/or giving a progress report and/or a pre-authorisation report, and where such a report is specifically required by the medical scheme. Maximum billable time for such a report is 15 minutes.				
F	With the exception of compilation of reports as per Rule E, time charged in terms of the codes in this schedule only includes time spent in direct interaction with the patient.				
<b>MODIFIERS</b>					
	Modifier governing the section Psychological Services				
0003	Emergency treatments - Relevant fee plus 50%				
0004	Psychology services rendered to an in-patient in a nursing home or hospital.				
<b>CONSULTATIVE AND THERAPEUTIC SERVICES</b>					
007	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).				
200	Psychology assessment, consultation, counselling and/or therapy (individual or family). Duration: 1-10min.	280	1,00	5,000	R94,70
201	Psychology assessment, consultation, counselling and/or therapy (individual or family). Duration: 11-20min.	280	1,00	15,000	R283,90
202	Psychology assessment, consultation, counselling and/or therapy (individual or family). Duration: 21-30min.	280	1,00	25,000	R473,20
203	Psychology assessment, consultation, counselling and/or therapy (individual or family). Duration: 31-40min.	280	1,00	35,000	R662,50
204	Psychology assessment, consultation, counselling and/or therapy (individual or family). Duration: 41-50min.	280	1,00	45,000	R851,80
205	Psychology assessment, consultation, counselling and/or therapy (individual or family). Duration: 51-60min.	280	1,00	55,000	R1 041,40
206	Psychology assessment, consultation, counselling and/or therapy (individual or family). Duration: 61-70min.	280	1,00	65,000	R1 230,60
207	Psychology assessment, consultation, counselling and/or therapy (individual or family). Duration: 71-80min.	280	1,00	75,000	R1 419,70
208	Psychology assessment, consultation, counselling and/or therapy (individual or family). Duration: 81-90min.	280	1,00	85,000	R1 609,10
209	Psychology assessment, consultation, counselling and/or therapy (individual or family). Duration: 91-100min.	280	1,00	95,000	R1 798,50
210	Psychology assessment, consultation, counselling and/or therapy (individual or family). Duration: 101-110min.	280	1,00	105,000	R1 988,00
211	Psychology assessment, consultation, counselling and/or therapy (individual or family). Duration: 111-120min.	280	1,00	115,000	R2 176,90

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<b>CONSULTATIVE AND THERAPEUTIC SERVICES</b>					
	This code would be used in addition to code 211				
290	Extended assessment, consultation, counselling and/or therapy (individual or family) - per full 15 minutes in excess of 120 minutes	280	1,00	7,500	R142,00
<b>GROUP SERVICES</b>					
300	Psychology group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 1-10min.	280	1,00	1,000	R18,80
301	Psychology group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 11-20min.	280	1,00	3,000	R56,60
302	Psychology group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 21-30min.	280	1,00	5,000	R94,70
303	Psychology group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 31-40min.	280	1,00	7,000	R132,60
304	Psychology group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 41-50min.	280	1,00	9,000	R170,30
305	Psychology group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 51-60min.	280	1,00	11,000	R208,10
306	Psychology group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 61-70min.	280	1,00	13,000	R246,00
307	Psychology group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 71-80min.	280	1,00	15,000	R283,90
308	Psychology group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 81-90min.	280	1,00	17,000	R321,80
309	Psychology group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 91-100min.	280	1,00	19,000	R359,70
310	Psychology group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 101-110min.	280	1,00	21,000	R397,60
311	Psychology group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 111-120min.	280	1,00	23,000	R435,40