

GEMS TARIFF FOR SERVICES BY SOCIAL WORKERS WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JANUARY 2020

Practice Type: **Social Workers**
Code: **089**

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>				
	GENERAL RULES				
005	<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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The surname and initials of the member; The surname, first name and other initials, if any, of the patient; The name of the scheme concerned; The membership number of the member; 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; the relevant diagnostic and such other item code numbers that relates to such relevant health service; The date on which each relevant health service was rendered; The relevant diagnostic codes and NHRPL item code numbers relating to the health service rendered. 				
006	<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>				
007	<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 at another venue; or after working hours <p>the fee for such visits shall be the total fee plus 50%.</p> <p>For purposes of this rule:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> "emergency treatment" means a bona fide, justifiable emergency social work service, where failure to provide the service immediately would result in serious or irreparable psychological or functional impairment "working hours" means 8h00 to 17h00, Monday to Friday. <p>Modifier 0003 must be quoted after the appropriate code number(s) to indicate that this rule is applicable.</p>				

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008	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.				
	MODIFIERS				
0003	Add 50% of the total fee for the treatment				
0021	Services rendered to hospital inpatients: Quote modifier 0021 on all accounts for services performed on hospital inpatients.				
0022	Services rendered at patients residence: Quote modifier 0022 on all accounts for services performed at the patients residence.				
	ITEMS				
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).	300	0,00	0,000	R0,00
200	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 1-10min.	300	1,00	0,500	R50,00
201	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 11-20min.	300	1,00	1,500	R150,20
202	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 21-30min.	300	1,00	2,500	R250,70
203	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 31-40min.	300	1,00	3,500	R350,90
204	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 41-50min.	300	1,00	4,500	R451,20
205	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 51-60min.	300	1,00	5,500	R551,20
206	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 61-70min.	300	1,00	6,500	R651,70
207	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 71-80min.	300	1,00	7,500	R751,80
208	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 81-90min.	300	1,00	8,500	R852,20
209	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 91-100min.	300	1,00	9,500	R952,50
210	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 101-110min.	300	1,00	10,500	R1 052,70
211	Social worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 111-120min.	300	1,00	11,500	R1 152,80
	GROUP CONSULTATION, COUNSELLING OR THERAPY				

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	GROUP CONSULTATION, COUNSELLING AND/OR THERAPY ITEMS ARE CHARGEABLE TO A MAXIMUM OF 12 PATIENTS.				
300	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 1-10min.	300	1,00	0,100	R10,10
301	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 11-20min.	300	1,00	0,300	R30,00
302	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 21-30min.	300	1,00	0,500	R50,00
303	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 31-40min.	300	1,00	0,700	R70,20
304	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 41-50min.	300	1,00	0,900	R90,20
305	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 51-60min.	300	1,00	1,100	R110,50
306	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 61-70min.	300	1,00	1,300	R130,40
307	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 71-80min.	300	1,00	1,500	R150,20
308	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 81-90min.	300	1,00	1,700	R170,30
309	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 91-100min.	300	1,00	1,900	R190,60
310	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 101-110min.	300	1,00	2,100	R210,60
311	Social worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 111-120min.	300	1,00	2,300	R230,50