

**10. I attended a case conference (or any hourly rate service) for 45 minutes. How do I charge for this?**

For any service charged at an hourly rate, you apportion your charge according to the time spent, using the hourly rate for your specialty group. The formula is:

*Hourly rate ÷ 60, multiplied by the number of minutes (rounded to the nearest 6 minutes).*

The pro rata calculation is based on the application of an hourly rate across ten, 6 minute intervals (6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42, 48, 54, 60 minutes).

Example based on a 45 minute service which is rounded to the nearest 6 minutes = 48 minutes:

- general practitioners,  $\$298.10 \div 60 \times 48 \text{ minutes} = \$238.50$
- specialists/physicians,  $\$584.20 \div 60 \times 48 \text{ minutes} = \$467.40$
- physiotherapist,  $\$217.70 \div 60 \times 48 \text{ minutes} = \$174.20$ .

## **Medical Schedule 1A and 1B**

**11. How can I find out what fees apply for new Medicare (MBS) services that are introduced after fees are published in the Government Gazette?**

You can visit our website at [www.rtwsa.com](http://www.rtwsa.com) to view the most up-to-date fee or contact ReturnToWorkSA on 13 18 55. All relevant new Medicare item numbers will be included in ReturnToWorkSA's Medical fee schedules with a relevant update date provided.

**12. I have been asked to watch a video of a worker. Can I charge for this?**

Yes. You can use the third party consultation item and charge at a pro-rata hourly rate, using the formula provided in question 10.

**13. When can I bill for a cancellation fee for a case conference, worksite assessment, dispute resolution or third-party consultation?**

A cancellation fee is payable only if the cancellation occurs less than 2 business days (excluding weekends and public holidays) before the time of the proposed attendance.

**14. Can an independent medical examiner charge for a subsequent consultation in order to complete a medical report?**

No. Only one consultation fee is payable. Occasionally a psychiatrist will require more than one consultation with a patient to write a report. We recommend the psychiatrist contact the case manager or self-insured employer prior to providing a second consultation, to determine whether this is appropriate in the circumstances of the case (e.g. time constraints). Where an additional consultation is required it must be provided within 10 business days of the first consultation.

If you have any further questions please call ReturnToWorkSA on 13 18 55.