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## **PrimaryCare Sidebar® – new Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Prompts feature now available**

To assist general practitioners (GPs) and practice teams to instantly identify what Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) chronic disease management items are claimable for their patients, RACGP Oxygen, the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners' (RACGP) e-health enterprise, recently released a new feature on the PrimaryCare Sidebar®.

The PrimaryCare Sidebar® is an e-health resource that works alongside the clinical desktop and is compatible with leading practice software packages.

After extensive testing, MBS Prompts is now available to HCN Medical Director v3 users with Pracsoft 3 as their billing system. MBS Prompts will be offered to existing eligible PrimaryCare Sidebar® users, including RACGP early-bird members, at their next login. GPs who use Best Practice can access MBS Prompts in the coming weeks.

Dr Nathan Pinski, RACGP Oxygen spokesperson and GP in Melbourne, Victoria, said that identifying the most suitable MBS chronic disease management items can often be both time-consuming and challenging for GPs and their practice teams.

“A GP’s number one priority is to facilitate the delivery of best care for their patients and provide quality outcomes. To further support practice teams and ease existing workflows, it is important that teams have ready access to resources that help them to identify care activities and maximise opportunities that arise from the provision of high quality care,” he said.

The MBS Prompts point-of-care-application simultaneously reads the clinical system and the billing system and assesses the MBS items for which the patient is eligible against what has been claimed through the practice. The new feature’s ‘traffic light system’ guides users in this task.

Additional features will be added to the PrimaryCare Sidebar® in the coming weeks.

To assist GPs and practice staff in using the PrimaryCare Sidebar® a number of free webinars will be held. The 30-minute sessions are taking place on Tuesdays from 1.00–1.30pm and Thursdays from 3.00–3.30 AEDT. There is also one evening session per month for users who prefer a later time. The February series focuses on the new MBS Prompts feature. For dates and login details, please visit [www.racgp.org.au/primarycaresidebar](http://www.racgp.org.au/primarycaresidebar).

For more information about MBS Prompts, including a frequently asked questions page, please visit [www.racgpoxxygen.com.au/mbs-prompts-is-now-released](http://www.racgpoxxygen.com.au/mbs-prompts-is-now-released).

For enquiries or assistance, users can call the RACGP Oxygen Help Desk during business hours (AEDT) on 1800 257 053 or email [support@racgpoxxygen.com.au](mailto:support@racgpoxxygen.com.au).

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