

## Bone Mineral Densitometry (BMD)

The cost of the scan may be claimed from Medicare under certain circumstances. Some patients are not eligible to claim a Medicare rebate and are therefore required to pay a fee at the time of the examination - this will be explained to the patient when making the booking.

Follow-up DXA exams should be performed at the same institution and ideally with the same machine. Bone density measurements obtained with different DXA equipment cannot be directly compared.

Item	Description
12320	<p>Bone densitometry, using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry or quantitative computed tomography, involving the measurement of 2 or more sites for measurement of bone mineral density, where the patient is 70 years of age or over, and either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) the patient has not previously had bone densitometry; or</li><li>(ii) the t-score for the patient's bone mineral density is -1.5 or more;</li></ul> <p>other than a service associated to which item 12306, 12312, 12315, 12321 or 12322 applies.</p> <p>1 visit every 5 years</p>
12322	<p>Bone densitometry, using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry or quantitative computed tomography, involving the measurement of 2 or more sites for measurement of bone mineral density, if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. the patient is 70 years of age or over; and</li><li>b. the t-score for the patient's bone mineral density is less than -1.5 but more than -2.5</li></ul> <p>other than a service associated to which item 12306, 12312, 12315, 12320 or 12321 applies</p> <p>1 visit every 2 years</p>

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Item	Description
12306	<p>Bone densitometry, using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry, involving the measurement of 2 or more sites for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. confirmation of a presumptive diagnosis of low bone mineral density made based on one or more fractures occurring in the last 10 years after minimal trauma</li> <li>b. monitoring of low bone mineral density (OSTEOPOROSIS) proven by bone densitometry at least 12 months previously (T Score of -2.5 or less);</li> </ul> <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 12312, 12315 or 12321 applies</p> <p>1 visit every 2 years</p>
12312	<p>Bone densitometry, using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry, involving the measurement of 2 or more sites for diagnosis and monitoring of bone loss associated with one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. prolonged glucocorticoid therapy (&gt;4 months)</li> <li>b. any condition associated with excess glucocorticoid secretion;</li> <li>c. male hypogonadism (low testosterone);</li> <li>d. female hypogonadism lasting more than 6 months or complete hysterectomy before the age of 45;</li> </ul> <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 12306, 12315 or 12321 applies</p> <p>One visit only in a 12 month period</p>

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12315	<p>Bone densitometry, using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry, involving the measurement of 2 or more sites for diagnosis and monitoring of bone loss associated with one or more of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. primary hyperparathyroidism;</li> <li>b. chronic liver disease;</li> <li>c. chronic renal disease;</li> <li>d. any proven malabsorptive disorder;</li> <li>e. rheumatoid arthritis;</li> <li>f. any condition associated with thyroxine excess;</li> </ul> <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 12306, 12312 or 12321 applies</p> <p>1 visit every 2 years</p>
12321	<p>Bone densitometry, using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry, involving the measurement of 2 or more sites at least 12 months after a significant change in therapy for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. established low bone mineral density; or</li> <li>b. confirming a presumptive diagnosis of low bone mineral density made on the basis of one or more fractures occurring after minimal trauma;</li> </ul> <p>other than a service associated with a service to which item 12306, 12312 or 12315 applies</p> <p>One visit only in a 12 month period</p>

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