



**AASW**  
 Accredited  
 Mental Health  
 Social Worker

# Addressing mental health during COVID-19

## Referring Patients to Accredited Mental Health Social Workers

Accredited Mental Health Social Workers (AMHSWs) are registered Medicare providers that can work with you to improve patient outcomes. AMHSWs can help you treat a patient's underlying mental health and social issues to better support your practice.

### How can AMHSWs assist with my patients' mental health?

Treating people who have mental health issues, for example people with:

- Depression and other mood disorders
- Anxiety disorders
- Personality disorders
- Psychosis
- Suicidal thoughts
- Relationship problems
- Life crises
- Adjustment issues
- Trauma
- Family conflicts

### Which items can AMHSWs use during COVID-19?

New AMHSW MBS items

<b>91175</b>	COVID-19 item - Telehealth attendance lasting more than 20 minutes but less than 50 minutes
<b>91176</b>	COVID-19 item - Telehealth attendance lasting at least 50 minutes
<b>91187</b>	COVID-19 item - Telephone attendance lasting more than 20 minutes but less than 50 minutes (for when video-conferencing is not available)
<b>91188</b>	COVID-19 item - Telephone attendance lasting at least 50 minutes (for when video-conferencing is not available)

### How does a referral need to happen?

After the creation of a Mental Health Treatment Plan, you can refer your patient to an AMHSW, you can use the AASW's public database to your local provider <https://www.aasw.asn.au/find-a-social-worker/search/>

A written referral letter is then required for your patient, who can then contact an Accredited Mental Health Social Worker to arrange an appointment.