

SOCIAL WORK GAZETTE 2026

SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES TARIFF OF FEES AS FROM 1 APRIL 2026 (PRACTICE TYPE 089)	
General Rules	
Rule	Rule Description
001	Social Worker services account must be accompanied by a referral letter from the treating principal doctor indicating the condition of the employee and the need for such services. An overall event limit of ten (10) social worker consultations including group therapy is allowed and only one session /visit is allowed per day. More than 10 Social Worker consultations sessions will require pre-authorisation.
007	<p>a. An emergency medical condition means the sudden and, at the time, unexpected onset of health condition that requires immediate medical treatment/ therapy and/or an operation. If the treatment is not available, the emergency could result in weakened bodily functions, serious and lasting damage to organs, limbs or other body parts, or even death.</p> <p>b. "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.</p> <p>c. "Working hours" means 08h00 to 17h00, Monday to Friday. Modifier 0003 must be quoted after the appropriate tariff code to indicate that this rule is applicable.</p> <p>Where emergency treatment is provided:</p> <p>a. During working hours, and the provision of such treatment requires the Practitioner to leave their practice to attend to the patient at another venue; or</p> <p>b. After working hours, the fee for such visits shall be the total fee plus 50%.</p>
008	Compilation of reports: Reports are required after every consultation, counselling and/or therapy including group therapy.
009	Where a Social Worker performs treatment away from the treatment rooms, travelling costs being more than 5 kilometres to be charged at R4,84 per km for each kilometer travelled in own car e.g. 19 km total = 19 X R4,84 = R91.96. If more than one employee is attended to during the course of a trip, the full travelling expenses must be pro-rata between the relevant employees (the practitioner will charge for one trip). A Social Worker is not entitled to charge any travelling expenses or travelling time to his/her treatment rooms. Refer to Modifier 0009
Modifiers	
Modifier	Modifier Description
0003	Emergency consultation: Add 50% of the total fee for the treatment. Use of the Modifier should always be accompanied by a motivation.
0009	Travelling costs. Refer to Rule 009
0021	Services rendered to hospital inpatients: Quote Modifier 0021 on all invoices for services performed on hospital inpatients.
0022	Services rendered at patient's residence: Quote Modifier 0022 on all invoices for services performed at the patient's residence. Refer to Rule 009

Code	Code Description	Rand
89205	Initial or first hospital visit/ session with the Multi-Disciplinary Team: Social Worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 51- 60min. Service includes counselling with the patient and/or family and co-ordination with other health care providers or liaison with third parties on behalf of the patient.	730.00
89210	Initial or first home session/ visit: Social Worker consultation counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 101-110min. Service includes counselling with the patient and/or family and co-ordination with other health care providers or liaison with third parties on behalf of the patient.	1394.22
89203	Follow up hospital or home visit/ session: Social Worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 31- 40min. Service includes counselling with the patient and/or family and co-ordination with other health care providers or liaison with third parties on behalf of the patient.	464.82
89204	Progress in-hospital session/ visit with the Multi-Disciplinary Team: Social Worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 41-50min. Service includes counselling with the patient and/or family and co-ordination with other health care providers or liaison with third parties on behalf of the patient.	597.59
89206	Final hospital visit/ session with the Multi-Disciplinary Team: Social Worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 51-60min. Service includes counselling with the patient and/or family and co-ordination with other health care providers or liaison with third parties on behalf of the patient.	863.14
89211	Final home session or visit: Social Worker consultation, counselling and/or therapy. Duration: 111-120min. Service includes counselling with the patient and/or family and co-ordination with other health care providers or liaison with third parties on behalf of the patient.	1526.75
Group consultation, counselling or therapy		
Group consultation, counselling and/or therapy items are chargeable to a maximum of 12 patients.		
89305	Social Worker group consultation, counselling and/or therapy, per patient. Duration: 51- 60min.	146.44