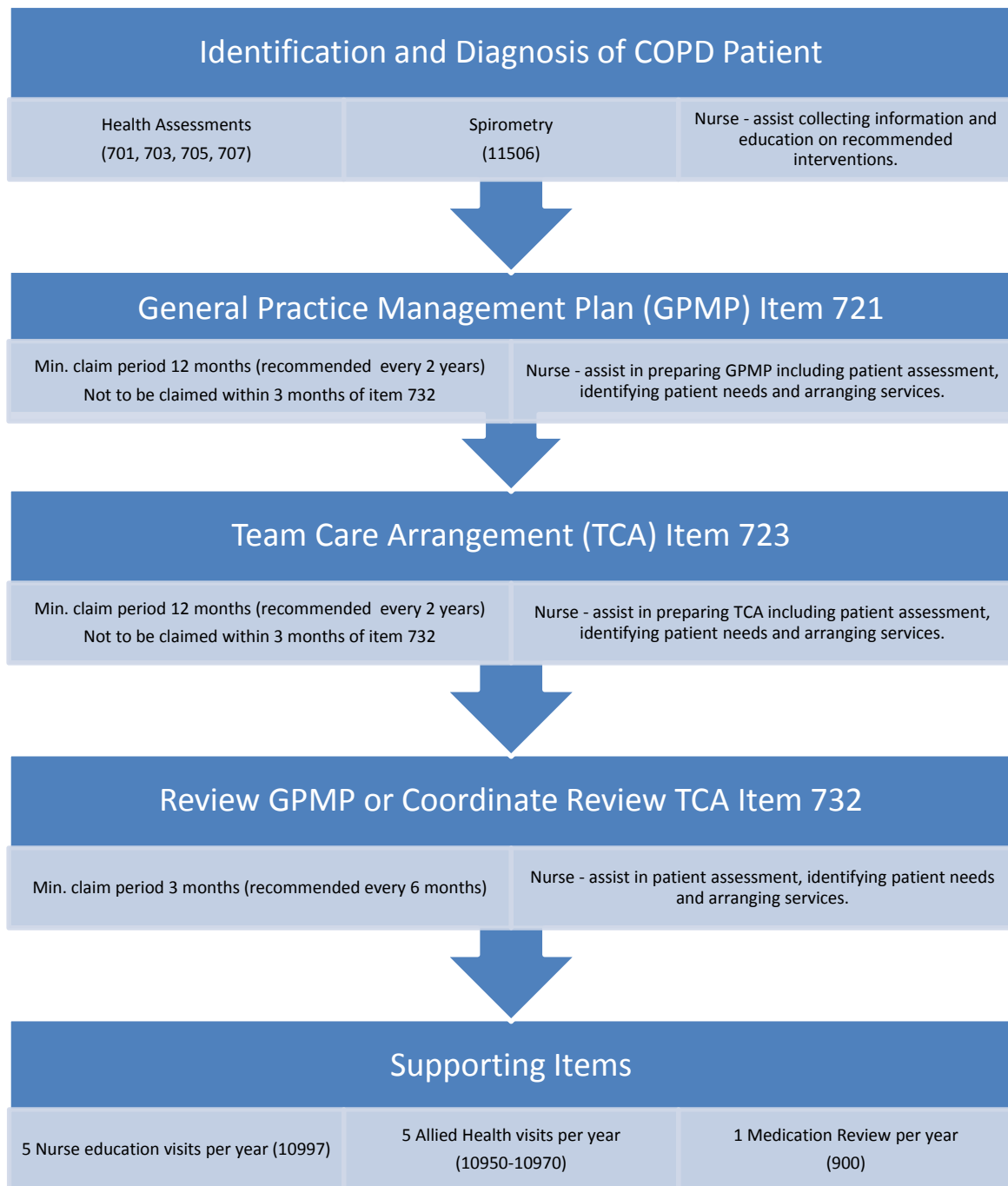


## Flow Chart



### Note:

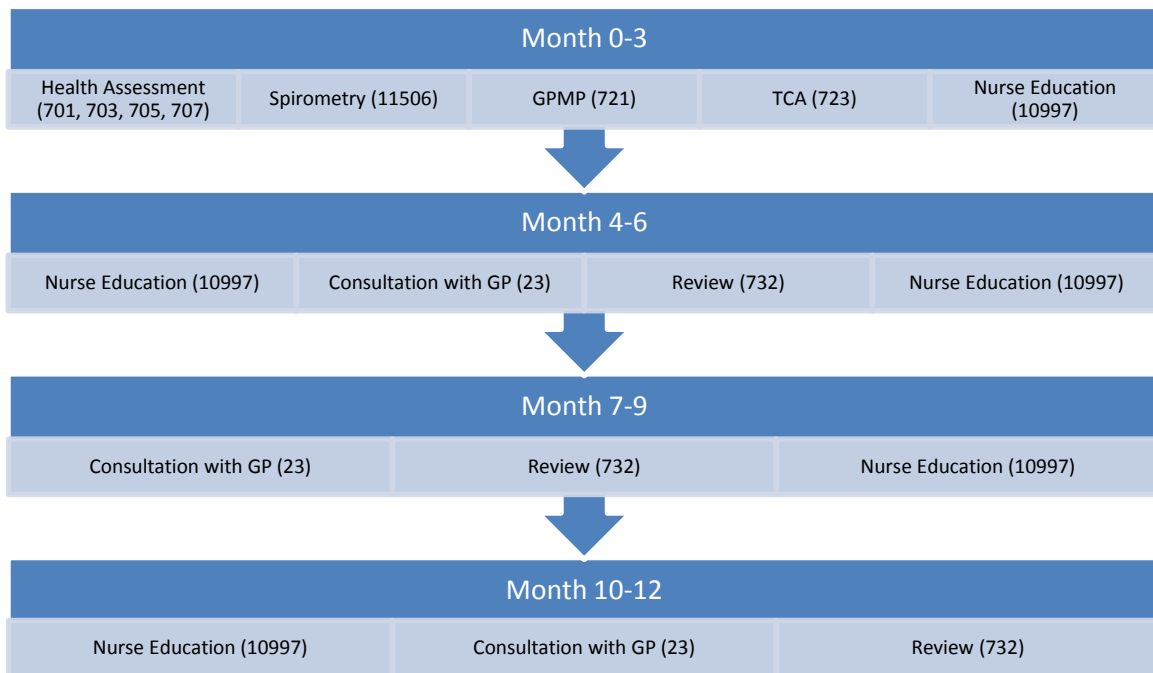
- Identification of a patient at risk of COPD can occur at times other than a health assessment. For example, in a standard consultation, patients over 35 with a history of smoking or those presenting with frequent chest infections may be flagged for risk assessment and screening.
- This flow chart relates to COPD patients residing in the community.
- Exceptional circumstances such as a significant change in the health status of patient may require a change to the claiming schedule.

### Reference:

Quick reference guide for GPs

<https://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/business/education/files/2249-1203.pdf>

## Timeline of Care for COPD Patient



### Note:

- Item 23 can't be billed on the same day as a health assessment (item #701, #703, #705, #707) and other chronic disease item numbers (item #721, #732, #723 and #10997).
- Item 732 can be billed twice on the same day.
- Patients need to meet certain criteria before any MBS item numbers can be utilised. Specific details are provided by Medicare on each item number.