



Budget October 2022-23

This information is accurate as of 25 October 2022.

Medicare Benefits Schedule - new and amended listings

This measure lists new treatments on the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS).

This will provide for the better treatment and improved health of Australians.

The MBS is a list of health professional services that the Australian Government subsidises. MBS items provide patient benefits for a wide range of health services including consultations, diagnostic tests and operations.

The MBS is managed by the Department of Health and Aged Care and administered by Services Australia.

You can learn more about [the MBS](#) on its website.

New and amended listings from 1 July 2023

- Two new items for single gene testing for the diagnosis of heritable neuromuscular disorders.
- A new item for whole genome sequencing of Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex, both at the time that tuberculosis is diagnosed and if the infection recurs.
- Changes to plastic and reconstructive surgery items have been deferred from 1 November 2022 to 1 July 2023. This is following a review of the services by the MBS Review Taskforce and will allow for greater consultation with the sector.

Services Australia has been allocated \$9,000 in 2022-23 to support the implementation of this measure.

This measure is subject to the passage of legislation.

Who does this measure affect?

This affects Australian residents and overseas visitors from countries under Reciprocal Health Care Agreements.

When will this start and finish?

The new and amended MBS listings will start from 1 July 2023.