



Budget 2022-23

This information is accurate as at 29 March 2022.

Guaranteeing Medicare – Medical Benefits Schedule new and amended listings

CATEGORY: Your health

This measure will implement changes to the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS). Some of these changes are in response to recommendations from the MBS Review Taskforce. Updates include new, ended and amended MBS listings.

1 July 2022

- Transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI) for patients with symptomatic, severe native calcific aortic stenosis at low risk for surgery.
- Transcatheter delivery of a dual filter cerebral embolic protection (CEP) system during a TAVI procedure for the reduction of post-operative embolic ischaemic stroke.
- Abdominoplasty for surgical repair of postpartum rectus diastasis.

1 November 2022

- Paediatric surgery
- Acupuncture services
- Positron Emission Tomography (PET) for rare cancers for initial staging.
- Ultrasound for monitoring high risk and multiple pregnancies.
- Expanded patient eligibility for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) item for monitoring pregnancies with suspected foetal abnormalities.
- Expanded patient eligibility for MRI of the liver to include all cancer types that have potentially spread to the liver.
- Expanded patient eligibility for Breast MRI for patients at high risk of developing breast cancer to 59 years.
- Expanded dental specialist requesting rights for a range of diagnostic imaging services.
- Provision of substitute PET scans for use during radiopharmaceutical supply disruptions.
- Support the cessation of the Practice Incentives Program (PIP) incentives by removing the associated cycle of care Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items.
- Genomic testing for the diagnosis of neuromuscular disorders (NMDs).
- Amendments to orthopaedic surgery items.
- Cryoablation for biopsy-confirmed renal cell carcinoma.
- Remote review and reprogramming of a neurostimulator for chronic intractable neuropathic pain.

- Remote review and reprogramming of deep brain stimulation neurostimulator for Parkinson's disease.
- Remote review and analysis of cardiac internal loop recorders.
- Varicose veins surgery amendments.
- Excision of clinically suspected melanoma.
- Cardiothoracic surgery amendments.
- Oculoplastic surgery for reduction of eyelid.

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- Otolaryngology, head and neck surgery (OHNS)
- Thoracic surgery

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- Expand access to Cleft and Craniofacial services for patients of all ages

1 November 2023

- Genetic testing pathology items for cystic fibrosis, spinal muscular atrophy and fragile X syndrome.

This measure is subject to the passage of legislation.

Who does this measure affect?

This affects patients eligible for these MBS items and health professionals providing these services.

When will this start and finish?

The new, amended and ended MBS listings are effective on relevant dates stated above and are ongoing.