



Budget 2023-24

This information is accurate as of 9 May 2023.

A Modern and Clinically Appropriate Medicare Benefits Schedule

This measure lists new treatments on the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS). This will provide for the better treatment and improved health of Australians.

This measure will also introduce new MBS items for attendances of 60 minutes or longer with general practitioners (GPs) and other medical practitioners (OMPs). These items will be known as Level E consultations.

The new Level E items better recognise the additional time needed to provide care to patients with complex conditions.

The Level E items will have the same clinical requirements as the current Level D attendances. Level D is where a consultation with a GP is longer than 40 minutes, and with an OMP is longer than 45 minutes.

New and amended listings from 1 July 2023

From 1 July 2023, a new plastic and reconstructive surgery item will be added. This is a result of the recommendations from the MBS Review Taskforce.

New and amended listings from 1 November 2023

From 1 November 2023, new and amended listings include the following:

- a new item for the EndoPredict brand gene expression profiling (GEP) test
- five new items for genetic testing to diagnose a genetic cause of hearing loss in children
- a new item for testing patients with a first degree relative diagnosed with prostate cancer and amended Pathology Services Table prostate specific antigen test
- four new items to support testing using the next generation sequencing panels to detect genetic variants in patients
- three new MBS pathology items for next generation sequencing panels for biomarker testing of patients with non-squamous, non-small cell lung cancer
- two new items for the detection of measurable residual disease (MRD) in patients with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

New and amended listings from 1 March 2024

From 1 March 2024, new and amended listings include the following:

- three new and 14 amended plastic and reconstructive surgery items, resulting from recommendations from the MBS Review Taskforce

- five new items for the treatment of patients with medically refractory essential tremor via magnetic resonance-guided focused ultrasound as an alternative treatment to deep brain stimulation
- streamlined access to 10 allied health services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians who have chronic disease arrangements or have had a Health Assessment
- introduction of psychiatry services to ensure patients receive the highest quality care, resulting from recommendations from the MBS Review Taskforce
- changes to ensure the co-claiming restriction for surgical procedure and follow up appointments that are on the same day would apply even if the claims are submitted to Services Australia separately.

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.

This measure is not subject to legislation passing.

Who this measure affects

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

When this starts and finishes

The new and amended MBS listings are effective from dates stated and are ongoing.