



Budget 2019-20

This information is accurate as at 2 April 2019.

Guaranteeing Medicare — Medicare Benefits Schedule Review — response to taskforce recommendations

This measure updates the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) in response to the MBS Review Taskforce recommendations.

From 1 March 2020:

- Changes to intensive care services items will support best practice and improve patient outcomes. This includes removing outdated items and introducing new items.

From 1 July 2020:

- Neurology and neurosurgery MBS items will be updated to address items that are out of date and no longer used. This will support clinical best practice.
- Urology MBS items will be updated to align with contemporary practice and tighten clinical indicators. This will also restrict inappropriate co-claiming by modifying item descriptions, consolidating item numbers where possible, and deleting out of date items.

Who is affected by this measure?

Changes affect patients eligible for the above MBS items and health professionals providing these services.

When will this start and finish?

Changes to Intensive Care MBS items start 1 March 2020 and are ongoing.

Changes to Neurology, Neurosurgery and Urology MBS items start 1 July 2020 and are ongoing.