

NEW MBS ITEMS RELATED TO GENERAL PRACTICE 1 APRIL 2019

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NEW MBS Items to fund Heart Health Assessments:

From 1 April 2019, two new item numbers will be available for Heart Health Assessments to support patients with cardiovascular disease, or patients at risk of developing cardiovascular disease. These items will fund a heart health assessment, lasting at least 20 minutes, by a general practitioner (Item 699) or a medical practitioner working in general practice (Item 177). **Full details of these and other changes can be found [here](#) at MBS Online.**

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NEW MBS items for the provision of professional services by a doctor at a Residential Aged Care Facility (RACF):

From 1 March 2019, new Medicare rebates will be available for the provision of professional services by a general practitioner (GP) or medical practitioner at a RACF. This includes a one off single call-out fee and new standard Level A to D MBS attendance items. 12 RACF derived fee items will be obsolete, replaced with 12 new items. The following table outlines the changes however **full details of the changes can be found [here](#) in the MBS Online Factsheet.**

Current item (obsolete from 1 March 2019)	New item from 1 March 2019	Fee/Benefit	Provider
20	90020	\$17.20/(100% of fee)	GP
35	90035	\$37.60/(100% of fee)	GP
43	90043	\$72.80/(100% of fee)	GP
51	90051	\$107.15/(100% of fee)	GP
92	90092	\$8.50/(100% of fee)	Medical practitioner MM 1
93	90093	\$16/(100% of fee)	Medical practitioner MM 1
95	90095	\$35.50/(100% of fee)	Medical practitioner MM 1
96	90096	\$57.50/(100% of fee)	Medical practitioner MM 1
183	90183	\$13.75/(100% of fee)	Medical practitioner MM 2-7
188	90188	\$30.10/(100% of fee)	Medical practitioner MM 2-7
202	90202	\$58.25/(100% of fee)	Medical practitioner MM 2-7
212	90212	\$85.70/(100% of fee)	Medical practitioner MM 2-7

OTHER MBS ITEMS:

MBS ITEM	DESCRIPTION	REBATE
30072	Diagnostic biopsy of mucous membrane, as an independent procedure, if the biopsy specimen is sent for pathological examination	\$52.80
31206	Tumour, cyst, ulcer or scar (other than a scar removed during the surgical approach at an operation), removal of and suture, if: a) the lesion size is not more than 10 mm in diameter; and b) the removal is from a mucous membrane by surgical excision (other than by shave excision); and c) the specimen excised is sent for histological examination. Multiple Services Rule applies*.	\$95.45
31211	Tumour, cyst, ulcer or scar (other than a scar removed during the surgical approach at an operation), removal of and suture, if: a) the lesion size is more than 10 mm, but not more than 20 mm, in diameter; and b) the removal is from a mucous membrane by surgical excision (other than by shave excision); and c) the specimen excised is sent for histological examination. Multiple Services Rule applies.	\$123.10
31216	Tumour, cyst, ulcer or scar (other than a scar removed during the surgical approach at an operation), removal of and suture, if: a) the lesion size is more than 20 mm in diameter; and b) the removal is from a mucous membrane by surgical excision (other than by shave excision); and c) the specimen excised is sent for histological examination. Multiple Services Rule applies.	\$143.55
31221	Tumours, cysts, ulcers or scars (other than scars removed during the surgical approach at an operation), removal of 4 to 10 lesions, if: a) the size of each lesion is not more than 10 mm in diameter; and b) each removal is from a mucous membrane by surgical excision (other than by shave excision); and c) each site of excision is closed by suture; and d) all of the specimens excised are sent for histological examination. Multiple Services Rule applies.	\$214.55

31356	<p>Malignant skin lesion (other than a malignant skin lesion covered by item 31371, 31372, 31373, 31374, 31375 or 31376), surgical excision (other than by shave excision) and repair of, if:</p> <p>a) the lesion is excised from nose, eyelid, eyebrow, lip, ear, digit or genitalia, or from a contiguous area; and</p> <p>(b) the necessary excision diameter is less than 6 mm; and</p> <p>(c) the excised specimen is sent for histological examination; and</p> <p>(d) malignancy is confirmed from the excised specimen or previous biopsy; and not in association with item 45201. Multiple Services Rule applies.</p>	\$221.35
31357	<p>Non-malignant skin lesion (other than viral verrucae (common warts) and seborrheic keratoses), including a cyst, ulcer or scar (other than a scar removed during the surgical approach at an operation), surgical excision (other than by shave excision) and repair of, if:</p> <p>(a) the lesion is excised from nose, eyelid, eyebrow, lip, ear, digit or genitalia, or from a contiguous area; and</p> <p>(b) the necessary excision diameter is less than 6 mm; and</p> <p>(c) the excised specimen is sent for histological examination; not in association with item 45201. Multiple Services Rule applies.</p>	\$109.70
31358	<p>Malignant skin lesion (other than a malignant skin lesion covered by item 31371, 31372, 31373, 31374, 31375 or 31376), surgical excision (other than by shave excision) and repair of, if:</p> <p>(a) the lesion is excised from nose, eyelid, eyebrow, lip, ear, digit or genitalia, or from a contiguous area; and</p> <p>(b) the necessary excision diameter is 6 mm or more; and</p> <p>(c) the excised specimen is sent for histological examination; and</p> <p>(d) malignancy is confirmed from the excised specimen or previous biopsy. Multiple Services Rule applies.</p>	\$270.85
31359	<p>Malignant skin lesion (other than a malignant skin lesion covered by item 31371, 31372, 31373, 31374, 31375 or 31376), surgical excision (other than by shave excision), if:</p> <p>(a) the lesion is excised from nose, eyelid, eyebrow, lip, ear, digit or genitalia (the applicable site); and</p> <p>(b) the necessary excision area is at least one third of the surface area of the applicable site; and</p> <p>(c) the excised specimen is sent for histological examination; and</p> <p>(d) malignancy is confirmed from the excised specimen or previous biopsy. Multiple Services Rule applies.</p>	\$330.15
31360	<p>Non-malignant skin lesion (other than viral verrucae (common warts) and seborrheic keratoses), including a cyst, ulcer or scar (other than a scar removed during the surgical approach at an operation), surgical excision (other than by shave excision) and repair of, if:</p> <p>(a) the lesion is excised from nose, eyelid, eyebrow, lip, ear, digit or genitalia, or from a contiguous area; and</p> <p>(b) the necessary excision diameter is 6 mm or more; and</p> <p>(c) the excised specimen is sent for histological examination. Multiple Services Rule applies.</p>	\$168.05

31361	<p>Malignant skin lesion (other than a malignant skin lesion covered by item 31371, 31372, 31373, 31374, 31375 or 31376), surgical excision (other than by shave excision) and repair of, if:</p> <p>a) the lesion is excised from face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola complex, distal lower limb (distal to, and including, the knee) or distal upper limb (distal to, and including, the ulnar styloid); and</p> <p>(b) the necessary excision diameter is less than 14 mm; and</p> <p>(c) the excised specimen is sent for histological examination; and</p> <p>(d) malignancy is confirmed from the excised specimen or previous biopsy;</p> <p>not in association with item 45201. Multiple Services Rule applies.</p>	\$186.70
31362	<p>Non-malignant skin lesion (other than viral verrucae (common warts) and seborrheic keratoses), including a cyst, ulcer or scar (other than a scar removed during the surgical approach at an operation), surgical excision (other than by shave excision) and repair of, if:</p> <p>(a) the lesion is excised from face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola complex, distal lower limb (distal to, and including, the knee) or distal upper limb (distal to, and including, the ulnar styloid); and</p> <p>(b) the necessary excision diameter is less than 14 mm; and</p> <p>(c) the excised specimen is sent for histological examination;</p> <p>not in association with item 45201. Multiple Services Rule applies.</p>	\$133.90
31363	<p>Malignant skin lesion (other than a malignant skin lesion covered by item 31371, 31372, 31373, 31374, 31375 or 31376), surgical excision (other than by shave excision) and repair of, if:</p> <p>(a) the lesion is excised from face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola complex, distal lower limb (distal to, and including, the knee) or distal upper limb (distal to, and including, the ulnar styloid); and</p> <p>(b) the necessary excision diameter is 14 mm or more; and</p> <p>(c) the excised specimen is sent for histological examination; and</p> <p>(d) malignancy is confirmed from the excised specimen or previous biopsy. Multiple Services Rule applies.</p>	\$244.30
31364	<p>Non-malignant skin lesion (other than viral verrucae (common warts) and seborrheic keratoses), including a cyst, ulcer or scar (other than a scar removed during the surgical approach at an operation), surgical excision (other than by shave excision) and repair of, if:</p> <p>(a) the lesion is excised from face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola complex, distal lower limb (distal to, and including, the knee) or distal upper limb (distal to, and including, the ulnar styloid); and</p> <p>(b) the necessary excision diameter is 14 mm or more; and</p> <p>(c) the excised specimen is sent for histological examination. Multiple Services Rule applies.</p>	\$168.05

31365	<p>Malignant skin lesion (other than a malignant skin lesion covered by item 31369, 31370, 31371, 31372 or 31373), surgical excision (other than by shave excision) and repair of, if:</p> <p>(a) the lesion is excised from any part of the body not covered by item 31356, 31358, 31359, 31361 or 31363; and</p> <p>(b) the necessary excision diameter is less than 15 mm; and</p> <p>(c) the excised specimen is sent for histological examination; and</p> <p>(d) malignancy is confirmed from the excised specimen or previous biopsy;</p> <p>not in association with item 45201 Multiple Services Rule applies.</p>	\$158.30
31366	<p>Non-malignant skin lesion (other than viral verrucae (common warts) and seborrheic keratoses), including a cyst, ulcer or scar (other than a scar removed during the surgical approach at an operation), surgical excision (other than by shave excision) and repair of, if:</p> <p>(a) the lesion is excised from any part of the body not covered by item 31357, 31360, 31362 or 31364; and</p> <p>(b) the necessary excision diameter is less than 15 mm; and</p> <p>(c) the excised specimen is sent for histological examination;</p> <p>not in association with item 45201 Multiple Services Rule applies.</p>	\$95.45
31367	<p>Malignant skin lesion (other than a malignant skin lesion covered by item 31371, 31372, 31373, 31374, 31375 or 31376), surgical excision (other than by shave excision) and repair of, if:</p> <p>(a) the lesion is excised from any part of the body not covered by item 31356, 31358, 31359, 31361 or 31363; and</p> <p>(b) the necessary excision diameter is at least 15 mm but not more than 30 mm; and</p> <p>(c) the excised specimen is sent for histological examination; and</p> <p>(d) malignancy is confirmed from the excised specimen or previous biopsy;</p> <p>not in association with item 45201 Multiple Services Rule applies.</p>	\$213.60
31368	<p>Non-malignant skin lesion (other than viral verrucae (common warts) and seborrheic keratoses), including a cyst, ulcer or scar (other than a scar removed during the surgical approach at an operation), surgical excision (other than by shave excision) and repair of, if:</p> <p>(a) the lesion is excised from any part of the body not covered by item 31357, 31360, 31362 or 31364; and</p> <p>(b) the necessary excision diameter is at least 15 mm but not more than 30mm; and</p> <p>(c) the excised specimen is sent for histological examination;</p> <p>not in association with item 45201 Multiple Services Rule applies.</p>	\$125.55

31369	<p>Malignant skin lesion (other than a malignant skin lesion covered by item 31371, 31372, 31373, 31374, 31375 or 31376), surgical excision (other than by shave excision) and repair of, if:</p> <p>(a) the lesion is excised from any part of the body not covered by item 31356, 31358, 31359, 31361 or 31363; and</p> <p>(b) the necessary excision diameter is more than 30 mm; and</p> <p>(c) the excised specimen is sent for histological examination; and</p> <p>(d) malignancy is confirmed from the excised specimen or previous biopsy Multiple Services Rule applies.</p>	\$245.90
31370	<p>Non-malignant skin lesion (other than viral verrucae (common warts) and seborrheic keratoses), including a cyst, ulcer or scar (other than a scar removed during the surgical approach at an operation), surgical excision (other than by shave excision) and repair of, if:</p> <p>(a) the lesion is excised from any part of the body not covered by item 31357, 31360, 31362 or 31364; and</p> <p>(b) the necessary excision diameter is more than 30 mm; and</p> <p>(c) the excised specimen is sent for histological examination. Multiple Services Rule applies.</p>	\$143.55
31371	<p>Malignant melanoma, appendageal carcinoma, malignant connective tissue tumour of skin or merkel cell carcinoma of skin, definitive surgical excision (other than by shave excision) and repair of, if:</p> <p>(a) the tumour is excised from nose, eyelid, eyebrow, lip, ear, digit or genitalia, or from a contiguous area; and</p> <p>(b) the necessary excision diameter is 6 mm or more; and</p> <p>(c) the excised specimen is sent for histological examination; and</p> <p>(d) malignancy is confirmed from the excised specimen or previous biopsy. Multiple Services Rule applies.</p>	\$357.00
31372	<p>Malignant melanoma, appendageal carcinoma, malignant connective tissue tumour of skin or merkel cell carcinoma of skin, definitive surgical excision (other than by shave excision) and repair of, if:</p> <p>(a) the tumour is excised from face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola complex, distal lower limb (distal to, and including, the knee) or distal upper limb (distal to, and including, the ulnar styloid); and</p> <p>(b) the necessary excision diameter is less than 14 mm; and</p> <p>(c) the excised specimen is sent for histological examination; and</p> <p>(d) malignancy is confirmed from the excised specimen or previous biopsy; not in association with item 45201. Multiple Services Rule applies.</p>	\$308.70

31373	<p>Malignant melanoma, appendageal carcinoma, malignant connective tissue tumour of skin or merkel cell carcinoma of skin, definitive surgical excision (other than by shave excision) and repair of, if:</p> <p>(a) the tumour is excised from face, neck, scalp, nipple-areola complex, distal lower limb (distal to, and including, the knee) or distal upper limb (distal to, and including, the ulnar styloid); and</p> <p>(b) the necessary excision diameter is 14 mm or more; and</p> <p>(c) the excised specimen is sent for histological examination; and</p> <p>(d) malignancy is confirmed from the excised specimen or previous biopsy. Multiple Services Rule applies.</p>	\$356.80
31374	<p>Malignant melanoma, appendageal carcinoma, malignant connective tissue tumour of skin or merkel cell carcinoma of skin, definitive surgical excision (other than by shave excision) and repair of, if:</p> <p>(a) the tumour is excised from any part of the body not covered by item 31371, 31372 or 31373; and</p> <p>(b) the necessary excision diameter is less than 15 mm; and</p> <p>(c) the excised specimen is sent for histological examination; and</p> <p>(d) malignancy is confirmed from the excised specimen or previous biopsy; not in association with item 45201. Multiple Services Rule applies.</p>	\$281.90
31375	<p>Malignant melanoma, appendageal carcinoma, malignant connective tissue tumour of skin or merkel cell carcinoma of skin, definitive surgical excision (other than by shave excision) and repair of, if:</p> <p>(a) the tumour is excised from any part of the body not covered by item 31371, 31372 or 31373; and</p> <p>(b) the necessary excision diameter is at least 15 mm but not more than 30 mm; and</p> <p>(c) the excised specimen is sent for histological examination; and</p> <p>(d) malignancy is confirmed from the excised specimen or previous biopsy; Multiple Services Rule applies.</p>	\$303.40
31376	<p>Malignant melanoma, appendageal carcinoma, malignant connective tissue tumour of skin or merkel cell carcinoma of skin, definitive surgical excision (other than by shave excision) and repair of, if:</p> <p>(a) the tumour is excised from any part of the body not covered by item 31371, 31372 or 31373; and</p> <p>(b) the necessary excision diameter is more than 30 mm; and</p> <p>(c) the excised specimen is sent for histological examination; and</p> <p>(d) malignancy is confirmed from the excised specimen or previous biopsy. Multiple Services Rule applies.</p>	\$351.60

45201	Muscle, myocutaneous or skin flap, where clinically indicated to repair one surgical excision made in the removal of a malignant or non-malignant skin lesion (only in association with items 31000, 31001, 31002, 31358, 31359, 31360, 31363, 31364, 31369, 31370, 31371, 31373 or 31376)—may be claimed only once per defect	\$413.95
45202	<p>Muscle, myocutaneous or skin flap, where clinically indicated to repair one surgical excision made in the removal of a malignant or non-malignant skin lesion in a patient, if the clinical relevance of the procedure is clearly annotated in the patient's record and either:</p> <p>(a) item 45201 applies and additional flap repair is required for the same defect; or</p> <p>(b) item 45201 does not apply and either:</p> <p>(i) the patient has severe pre-existing scarring, severe skin atrophy or sclerodermoid changes; or</p> <p>(ii) the repair is contiguous with a free margin. Multiple Services Rule applies.</p>	\$413.95

* Please see: <http://www9.health.gov.au/mbs/fullDisplay.cfm?type=note&q=T8.2&qt=NotelD> for Multiple Services Rule