



Changes to MBS Cardiac Imaging Services- echocardiography and myocardial perfusion studies (MPS) services

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New items: 61394 61398 61406 61410 61414

Amended items: 55126 55127 55128 55129 55132 55133 55134 55137 55141 55143 55145
55146 61321 61324 61325 61329 61345 61349 61357

Legislation: <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2020L01158>

Revised structure

Amended echocardiography items to clarify same day claiming restrictions with these items.

Amended echocardiography item 55132, to remove the requirement that the service can only be requested by a specialist or consultant physician. This item is for a serial echocardiographic examination for patients aged under 17 years, or patients of any age with complex congenital heart disease, and the removal of this restriction will expand patient access, particularly for patients who are unable to access a specialist or consultant physician for the purposes of requesting this service. Medical practitioners will be able to request this service based on their clinical judgement and in-line with recognised guidelines.

Created five new myocardial perfusion study (MPS) items to ensure patient access to contemporary best practice services in rural and remote areas (when stress echocardiography is not available).

They will:

- enable both GPs, specialists and consultant physicians to request a repeat MPS within a 2 year time frame (new MBS item 61410) in a Modified Monash Model (MMM) 3-7 area, when symptoms of ischaemia as per note IR.4.1 are not adequately controlled by optimal medical therapy following a revascularisation procedure.
- enable GPs to request initial single stress MPS scans in MMM 3-7 areas where stress echocardiograms are not available (new MBS item 61414).
- enable GPs to request initial combined stress and rest MPS scans in MMM 3-7 areas where stress echocardiograms are not available (new MBS item 61398).
- enable specialist and consultant physicians to request a single stress MPS study in a MMM 3-7 area where stress echocardiography is not available (new MBS item 61394).



- enable specialist and consultant physicians to request a combined stress and rest MPS study in a MMM 3-7 area where stress echocardiography is not available (new MBS item 61406).

Amended 7 MPS items to clarify the provision of these services, where planar imaging can be required rather than must be provided. Additional co-claiming requirements have also been applied as a result of the introduction of new MPS items.

Patient impacts

Patients will receive Medicare rebates for cardiac services that are clinically appropriate and reflect modern clinical practice.

Restrictions or requirements

Providers should familiarise themselves with the changes to cardiac services MBS items, and any associated rules and/or explanatory notes. Providers have a responsibility to ensure that any services they bill to Medicare fully meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the legislation.

Requested Service: An item with the symbol (R) refers to an R-type diagnostic imaging service. Medicare benefits for R-type (requested) ultrasound services in the MBS are only payable if the rendering practitioner receives a relevant request from an eligible requesting practitioner prior to the service being provided. Requesting practitioners must ensure that the service or services being requested are clinically relevant and necessary.

Examples in practice and application of “self-determination”:

- A patient has a request and a specialist in diagnostic radiology provides/supervises the service.
- A referring practitioner does not specifically request an echocardiogram, but a cardiologist determines an echocardiogram is required based on the patient’s presentation, they are able to claim an echocardiogram, without a request, and notate on the claim as “self-determined”; provided they are treating the patient in their specialty (e.g. a diagnostic imaging specialist could not claim this requested service in this instance without a request but a cardiologist could claim as “self-determined”)

Additional MPS co-claiming restrictions have been applied as follows:

- Items 61321 and 61325 cannot be provided with new items 61398 or 61406.
- Items 61324, 61329 and 61345 cannot be provided with new items 61394, 61398, 61406 or 61414.
- Item 61357 cannot be provided with new items 61394, 61398, 61406, 61410 or 61414.
- Item 61349 can be provided if in the previous 24 months, the patient has had a service provided under new items 61394, 61398, 61406 or 61410, and has undergone a revascularisation procedure.



For the purposes of private health insurance benefits, the five new myocardial perfusion study items (61394, 61398, 61406, 61410 and 61414) will be classified as Type C procedures under Schedule 3 of the [Private Health Insurance \(Benefit Requirements\) Rules 2011](#) and automatically categorised as Support Treatments under Schedule 7 of the [Private Health Insurance \(Complying Product\) Rules 2015](#).

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1. Echocardiography changes

Amended echocardiography items 55126, 55127, 55128, 55129, 55132, 55133, 55134 and 55137

Overview: These items have been amended to clarify that they can not be claimed with services from Subgroup 3 of the Ultrasound Group, as mentioned in the (c) clause of the descriptor. Item 55126 has been shown below as an example of this amendment, but also applies to items 55127, 55128, 55129, 55132, 55133, 55134 and 55137.

Example of Amendment - item 55126 – Initial real time echocardiographic examination

Descriptor: Note: the service only applies if the patient meets the requirements of the descriptor and the requirements of Note: IR.1.2

Initial real time echocardiographic examination of the heart with real time colour flow mapping from at least 3 acoustic windows, with recordings on digital media:

- (a) for the investigation of any of the following:
 - (i) symptoms or signs of cardiac failure; or
 - (ii) suspected or known ventricular hypertrophy or dysfunction; or
 - (iii) pulmonary hypertension; or
 - (iv) valvular, aortic, pericardial, thrombotic or embolic disease; or
 - (v) heart tumour; or
 - (vi) symptoms or signs of congenital heart disease; or
 - (vii) other rare indications; and
- (b) if the service involves all of the following, where possible:
 - (i) assessment of left ventricular structure and function including quantification of systolic function using M-mode, 2-dimensional or 3-dimensional imaging and diastolic function; and
 - (ii) assessment of right ventricular structure and function with quantitative assessment; and
 - (iii) assessment of left and right atrial structure including quantification of atrial sizes; and
 - (iv) assessment of vascular connections of the heart including the great vessels and systemic venous structures; and
 - (v) assessment of pericardium and assessment of any haemodynamic consequences of pericardial abnormalities; and



(vi) assessment of all present valves including structural assessment and measurement of blood flow velocities across the valves using pulsed wave and continuous wave Doppler techniques with quantification of stenosis or regurgitation; and

(vii) assessment of additional haemodynamic parameters including the assessment of pulmonary pressures; and

(c) not being a service associated with a service to which another item in this Subgroup (except items 55137, 55141, 55143, 55145 and 55146), or an item in Subgroup 2 (except items 55118 and 55130), or an item in Subgroup 3 applies; and

(d) cannot be claimed within 24 months if a service associated with a service to which item 55127, 55128, 55129, 55132, 55133 or 55134 is provided.

For any particular patient, applicable not more than once in 24 months (R)

Bulk Billing Incentive applies (IN.0.19)

See para IR.1.2, IR.1.3, IN.1.3 of explanatory notes to this Category

MBS fee: No change (\$234.15)

Benefit: 85% = \$199.05

75% = \$175.65

Amended item 55132 – Serial real time echocardiographic examination of the heart for a person who is under 17 years or for people with complex congenital heart disease.

Overview: This item has been amended to remove the requirement that the service can only be requested by a specialist or consultant physician. This item is for a serial echocardiographic examination for patients aged under 17 years, or patients of any age with complex congenital heart disease, and the removal of this restriction this will expand patient access, particularly for patients who are unable to see a specialist or consultant physician. Medical practitioners will be able to request this service based on their clinical judgement. The item has also been amended to include additional same day claiming restrictions with a service under subgroup 3 of the I1 ultrasound group.

Descriptor: Note: the service only applies if the patient meets the requirements of the descriptor and the requirements of Note: IR.1.2

Serial real time echocardiographic examination of the heart with real time colour flow mapping from at least 4 acoustic windows, with recordings on digital media, for the investigation of a patient who is under 17 years of age, or a patient of any age with complex congenital heart disease, if:

(a) the service involves the all of the following, where possible:

- (i) assessment of ventricular structure and function including quantification of systolic function (if the ventricular configuration allows accurate quantification) using at least one of M-mode, 2-dimensional or 3-dimensional imaging; and
- (ii) assessment of diastolic function; and
- (iii) assessment of atrial structure including quantification of atrial sizes; and



- (iv) assessment of vascular connections of the heart including the great vessels and systemic venous structures; and
 - (v) assessment of pericardium and assessment of any haemodynamic consequences of pericardial abnormalities; and
 - (vi) assessment of all present valves including structural assessment and measurement of blood flow velocities across the valves using relevant Doppler techniques with quantification; and
 - (vii) subxiphoid views where recommended for congenital heart lesions; and
 - (viii) additional haemodynamic parameters relevant to the clinical condition under review; and
- (b) the service is performed by a specialist or consultant physician practicing in the specialty of cardiology; and
- (c) not being a service associated with a service to which another item in this Subgroup (except items 55137, 55141, 55143, 55145 and 55146), or an item in Subgroup 2 (except items 55118 and 55130) or an item in Subgroup 3 applies (R)

Bulk Billing incentive applies

See para IN.0.19, IR.1.2, IR.1.3, IN.1.6 of explanatory notes to this Category

MBS fee: \$234.15 (No change) **Benefit:** 85% = \$199.05 75% = \$175.65

Amended stress echocardiography items 55141, 55143, 55145 and 55146

Overview: These items have been amended to clarify that they can not be claimed with services from Subgroup 3 of the Ultrasound Group, as mentioned in the (d) clause of the descriptor. Item 55141 has been shown below as an example of this amendment, but this amendment also applies to items 55143, 55145 and 55146.

Example of Amendment - item 55141 – Exercise stress echocardiography focused stress study

Descriptor: Note: the service only applies if the patient meets one or more of the following and the requirements of Note: IR.0.1 and IR.1.2

Exercise stress echocardiography focused study if;

- (a) the service involves all of the following:
 - (i) two-dimensional recordings before exercise (baseline) from at least 2 acoustic windows; and
 - (ii) matching recordings at or immediately after peak exercise, which include at least parasternal short and long axis views, and apical 4-chamber and 2 chamber views; and
 - (iii) recordings on digital media with equipment permitting display of baseline and matching peak images on the same screen; and
 - (iv) resting electrocardiogram and continuous multi-channel electrocardiogram monitoring and recording during stress; and



- (v) blood pressure monitoring and the recording of other parameters (including heart rate); and
- (b) cannot be claimed if a service associated with a service to which item 55143, 55145 or 55146 applies is provided in the previous 24 months; and
- (c) not being a service associated with a service to which item 11704, 11705, 11707, 11714, 11729 or 11730 applies
- (d) not being a service associated with a service to which an item in Subgroup 3 applies

For any particular patient, applicable not more than once in 24 months (R)

Bulk Billing Incentive applies IN.0.19

See para, IR.0.1, IR.1.2, IR.1.3, IN.1.10 of explanatory notes to this Category

MBS fee: (No change) \$417.45 **Benefit:** 85% = \$354.85 75% = \$313.10

2. Myocardial perfusion study (MPS) changes

Amended MPS items 61321, 61324, 61325, 61329, 61345, 61349 and 61357

Overview: These MPS items have been amended to clarify that the provision of service can include planar imaging, as opposed to the requirement that planar imaging must be provided.

Descriptor: The wording “and with planar imaging” has been replaced by “which can include planar imaging”.

Amended items – MPS items 61321, 61324, 61325, 61329, 61345, 61349 and 61357

Overview: These MPS items have been amended to include co-claiming restrictions with the newly created MPS items 61394, 61398, 61406, 61410 and 61414.

Amended item 61321 - Single rest myocardial perfusion study for assessment in people with known disease (technetium-99m (Tc-99m) protocol).

Overview: This item has been amended to clarify that the provision of service can include planar imaging, as opposed to the requirement that planar imaging must be provided. Following introduction of new MPS items



(61394, 61398, 61406, 61410 and 61414) additional co-claiming restrictions have been added. Item 61321 cannot be provided with new items 61398 or 61406.

Descriptor: Note: the service only applies if the patient meets the requirements of the descriptor and the requirements of Note: IR.4.2

Single rest myocardial perfusion study for the assessment of extent and severity of viable and non-viable myocardium – with single photon emission tomography, which can include planar imaging, when performed on a patient who has left ventricular systolic dysfunction and probable or confirmed coronary artery disease, if:

- (a) using a single rest technetium-99m (Tc-99m) protocol; and
- (b) the service is requested by a specialist or a consultant physician; and
- (c) not being a service associated with a service to which item 11704, 11705, 11707, 11714, 11729, 11730, 61325, 61329, 61345, 61398 or 61406 applies (R)

Bulk Billing incentive applies

See para IN.0.19, IR.4.2, IN.4.1 of explanatory notes to this Category

MBS fee: \$329.00 (no change to fee) **Benefit:** 85% = \$279.65 75% = \$246.75

Amended item 61324 - Single stress myocardial perfusion study for assessment of cardiac ischaemia

Overview: This item has been amended to clarify that the provision of service can include planar imaging, as opposed to the requirement that planar imaging must be provided. Following introduction of new MPS items (61394, 61398, 61406, 61410 and 61414) additional co-claiming restrictions have been added. Item 61324 cannot be provided with new items 61394, 61398, 61406 or 61414.

Descriptor: Note: the service only applies if the patient meets the requirements of the descriptor and the requirements of Note: IR.4.1

Single stress myocardial perfusion study – with single photon emission tomography, which can include planar imaging, if:

- (a) the patient has symptoms of cardiac ischaemia where at least one of the following applies:
 - (i) the patient has body habitus or other physical condition/s (including heart rhythm disturbance) to the extent where a stress echocardiography would not provide adequate information; or
 - (ii) the patient is unable to exercise to the extent where a stress echocardiography would not provide adequate information; or
 - (iii) the patient has had a failed stress echocardiography provided under a service to which items 55141, 55143, 55145 or 55146 applies; and
- (b) the service includes resting ECG, continuous ECG monitoring during exercise (with recording), blood pressure monitoring and the recording of other parameters (including heart rate); and
- (c) the service is requested by a specialist or consultant physician; and



(d) not being a service associated with a service to which item 11704, 11705, 11707, 11714, 11729, 11730, 61321, 61325, 61329, 61345, 61357, 61394, 61398, 61406 or 61414 applies (R)

Bulk Billing incentive applies

See para IN.0.19, IR.4.1 of explanatory notes to this Category

MBS fee: \$329.00 **Benefit: 85%** = \$279.65 **75%** = \$246.75

Amended item 61325 – Single rest myocardial perfusion study for assessment in people with known disease (thallous chloride-201 (TI-201) protocol).

Overview: This item has been amended to clarify that the provision of service can include planar imaging, as opposed to the requirement that planar imaging must be provided. Following introduction of new MPS items (61394, 61398, 61406, 61410 and 61414) additional co-claiming restrictions have been added. Item 61325 cannot be provided with new items 61398 or 61406.

Descriptor: Note: the service only applies if the patient meets the requirements of the descriptor and the requirements of Note: IR.4.2

Single rest myocardial perfusion study for the assessment of extent and severity of viable and non-viable myocardium – with single photon emission tomography, which can include planar imaging, when performed on a patient with left ventricular systolic dysfunction and probable or confirmed coronary artery disease, if:

- (a) using an initial rest study followed by redistribution study on the same day; and
- (b) using a thallous chloride-201 (TI-201) protocol; and
- (c) the service is requested by a specialist or a consultant physician; and
- (d) not being a service associated with a service to which item 11704, 11705, 11707, 11714, 11729, 11730, 61321, 61329, 61345, 61398 or 61406 applies (R)

Bulk Billing Incentive applies

See para IN.0.19, IR.4.2, IN.4.2 of explanatory notes to this Category

MBS fee: \$329.00 (no change to fee) **Benefit: 85%** = \$279.65 **75%** = \$246.75

Amended item 61329 – Combined stress and rest myocardial perfusion study for assessment of cardiac ischaemia (GP)

Overview: This item has been amended to clarify that the provision of service can include planar imaging, as opposed to the requirement that planar imaging must be provided. Following introduction of new MPS items (61394, 61398, 61406, 61410 and 61414) additional co-claiming restrictions have been added. Item 61329 cannot be provided with new items 61394, 61398, 61406 or 61414.

Descriptor: Note: the service only applies if the patient meets the requirements of the descriptor and the requirements of Note: IR.4.1



Combined stress and rest, stress and re-injection or rest and redistribution myocardial perfusion study, including delayed imaging or re-injection protocol on a subsequent occasion – with single photon emission tomography, which can include planar imaging, if:

- (a) the patient has symptoms of cardiac ischaemia where at least one of the following applies:
 - (i) the patient has body habitus or other physical condition/s (including heart rhythm disturbance) to the extent where a stress echocardiography would not provide adequate information; or
 - (ii) the patient is unable to exercise to the extent where a stress echocardiography would not provide adequate information; or
 - (iii) the patient has had a failed stress echocardiography provided under a service to which item 55141, 55143, 55145 or 55146 applies; and
- (b) the service includes resting electrocardiograph, continuous electrocardiograph monitoring during exercise (with recording), blood pressure monitoring and the recording of other parameters (including heart rate); and
- (c) the service is requested by a medical practitioner (other than a specialist or consultant physician); and
- (d) not being a service associated with a service to which item 11704, 11705, 11707, 11714, 11729, 11730, 61321, 61324, 61325, 61345, 61357, 61394, 61398, 61406 or 61414 applies (R)

Bulk Billing Incentive applies (IN.0.19)

See para IN.0.19, IR.4.1, IN.4.3 of explanatory notes to this Category

MBS fee: \$982.05 (no change to fee) **Benefit: 85%** = \$897.35 **75%** = \$736.55

Amended item 61345 – Combined stress and rest myocardial perfusion study for assessment of cardiac ischaemia (specialist or consultant physician)

Overview: This item has been amended to clarify that the provision of service can include planar imaging, as opposed to the requirement that planar imaging must be provided. Following introduction of new MPS items (61394, 61398, 61406, 61410 and 61414) additional co-claiming restrictions have been added. Item 61345 cannot be provided with new items 61394, 61398, 61406 or 61414.

Descriptor: Note: the service only applies if the patient meets the requirements of the descriptor and the requirements of Note: IR.4.1

Combined stress and rest, stress and re-injection or rest and redistribution myocardial perfusion study, including delayed imaging or re-injection protocol on a subsequent occasion – with single photon emission tomography, which can include planar imaging, if:

- (a) the patient has symptoms of cardiac ischaemia where at least one of the following applies:
 - (i) the patient has body habitus or other physical condition/s (including heart rhythm disturbance) to the extent where a stress echocardiography would not provide adequate information; or
 - (ii) the patient is unable to exercise to the extent where a stress echocardiography would not provide adequate information; or



(iii) the patient has had a failed stress echocardiography provided under a service to which item 55141, 55143, 55145 or 55146 applies; and

(b) the service includes resting electrocardiograph, continuous electrocardiograph monitoring during exercise (with recording), blood pressure monitoring and the recording of other parameters (including heart rate); and

(c) the service is requested by a specialist or consultant physician; and

(d) not being a service associated with a service to which item 11704, 11705, 11707, 11714, 11729, 11730, 61321, 61324, 61325, 61329, 61357, 61394, 61398, 61406 or 61414 applies (R)

Bulk Billing Incentive applies (IN.0.19)

See para IR.4.1 and IN.4.3 of explanatory notes to this Category

MBS fee: \$982.05 (no change)

Benefit: 85% = \$897.35

75% = \$736.55

Amended item 61349 – Repeat combined stress and rest myocardial perfusion study

Overview: This item has been amended to clarify that the provision of service can include planar imaging, as opposed to the requirement that planar imaging must be provided. Following introduction of new MPS items (61394, 61398, 61406, 61410 and 61414) additional co-claiming restrictions have been added. Item 61349 cannot be provided with new item 61410.

Descriptor: Note: the service only applies if the patient meets the requirements of the descriptor and the requirements of Note: IR.4.1

Repeat combined stress and rest, stress and re-injection or rest and redistribution myocardial perfusion study, including delayed imaging or re-injection protocol on a subsequent occasion—with single photon emission tomography, which can include planar imaging, if:

(a) in the previous 24 months, the patient has had a single stress or combined rest and stress myocardial perfusion study performed under item 61324, 61329, 61345, 61357, 61394, 61398, 61406 or 61414 and has undergone a revascularisation procedure; and

(b) the patient has one or more of the following symptoms of cardiac ischaemia that have evolved and are not adequately controlled with optimal medical therapy, where at least one of the following applies;

(i) the patient has body habitus or other physical condition/s (including heart rhythm disturbance) to the extent where a stress echocardiography would not provide adequate information; or

(ii) the patient is unable to exercise to the extent where a stress echocardiography would not provide adequate information; or

(iii) the patient has had a failed stress echocardiography provided under service to which item 55141, 55143, 55145 or 55146 applies; and

(c) the service is requested by a specialist or a consultant physician; and

(d) not being a service associated with a service to which item 11704, 11705, 11707, 11714, 11729, 11730 or 61410 applies; and



For any particular patient, applicable not more than once in 12 months (R)

Bulk Billing Incentive applies (IN.0.19)

See para IR.4.1, IN.4.3 of explanatory notes to this Category

MBS fee: \$982.05 (no change) **Benefit: 85%** = \$897.35 **75%** = \$736.55

Amended item 61357 – Single stress myocardial perfusion study for assessment of cardiac ischaemia (GP)

Overview: This item has been amended to clarify that the provision of service can include planar imaging, as opposed to the requirement that planar imaging must be provided. Following introduction of new MPS items (61394, 61398, 61406, 61410 and 61414) additional co-claiming restrictions have been added. Item 61357 cannot be provided with new item 61394, 61398, 61406 or 61414.

Descriptor: Note: the service only applies if the patient meets the requirements of the descriptor and the requirements of Note: IR.4.1

Single stress myocardial perfusion study – with single photon emission tomography, which can include planar imaging, if:

- (a) the patient has symptoms of cardiac ischaemia where at least one of the following applies:
 - (i) the patient has body habitus or other physical condition/s (including heart rhythm disturbance) to the extent where a stress echocardiography would not provide adequate information; or
 - (ii) the patient is unable to exercise to the extent where a stress echocardiography would not provide adequate information; or
 - (iii) the patient has had a failed stress echocardiography provided under a service to which items 55141, 55143, 55145 or 55146 applies; and
- (b) the service includes resting electrocardiograph, continuous electrocardiograph monitoring during exercise (with recording), blood pressure monitoring and the recording of other parameters (including heart rate); and
- (c) the service is requested by a medical practitioner (other than a specialist or consultant physician); and
- (d) not being a service associated with a service to which item 11704, 11705, 11707, 11714, 11729, 11730, 61321, 61324, 61325, 61329, 61345, 61394, 61398, 61406 or 61414 applies (R)

Bulk Billing Incentive applies (IN.0.19)

See para IR.4.1 and IN.4.3 of explanatory notes to this Category

MBS fee: \$653.05 (no change to fee) **Benefit: 85%** = \$568.35 **75%** = \$489.80



New item 61394 – Single stress myocardial perfusion study for assessment of cardiac ischaemia provided in a MMM 3- 7 area

Overview: A new item created for a single rest MPS to investigate cardiac ischaemia, provided at a practice located in a MMM 3 to 7 area, where a stress echocardiography service cannot be accessed.

A myocardial perfusion study is claimable once every 2 years, consisting of 1 combined study (rest & stress) or 1 rest study and 1 stress study.

Descriptor: Note: the service only applies if the patient meets the requirements of the descriptor and the requirements of Note: IR.4.1

Single stress myocardial perfusion study – with single photon emission tomography, which can include planar imaging, if:

- (a) the patient has symptoms of cardiac ischaemia; and
- (b) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in:
 - i. a Modified Monash 3 area; or
 - ii. a Modified Monash 4 area; or
 - iii. a Modified Monash 5 area; or
 - iv. a Modified Monash 6 area; or
 - v. a Modified Monash 7 area; and
- (c) a stress echocardiography service is not available in the Modified Monash area where the service is provided; and
- (d) the service includes resting electrocardiograph, continuous electrocardiograph monitoring during exercise (with recording), blood pressure monitoring and the recording of other parameters (including heart rate); and
- (e) the service is requested by a specialist or consultant physician; and
- (f) not being a service associated with a service to which item 11704, 11705, 11707, 11714, 11729, 11730, 61321, 61325, 61329, 61345, 61357, 61394, 61398, 61406 or 61414 applies (R)

Bulk Billing Incentive applies (IN.0.19)

See para IR.4.1, IN.0.19, IN.4.3 of explanatory notes to this Category

MBS fee: \$653.05 **Benefit:** 85% = \$568.35 75% = \$489.80

New item 61398 – Combined stress and rest myocardial perfusion study for assessment of cardiac ischaemia (GP) provided in a MMM 3-7 area.

Overview: A new item created for a combined rest and stress MPS study to investigate cardiac ischaemia, provided at a practice located in a MMM 3 to 7 area, where a stress echocardiography service cannot be accessed. This is to be requested by a medical practitioner other a specialist or consultant physician.



A myocardial perfusion study is claimable once every 2 years, consisting of 1 combined study (rest & stress) or 1 rest study and 1 stress study.

Descriptor: Note: the service only applies if the patient meets the requirements of the descriptor and the requirements of Note: IR.4.1

Combined stress and rest, stress and re-injection or rest and redistribution myocardial perfusion study, including delayed imaging or re-injection protocol on a subsequent occasion – with single photon emission tomography, which can include planar imaging, if:

- (a) the patient has symptoms of cardiac ischaemia; and
- (b) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in:
 - i. a Modified Monash 3 area; or
 - ii. a Modified Monash 4 area; or
 - iii. a Modified Monash 5 area; or
 - iv. a Modified Monash 6 area; or
 - v. a Modified Monash 7 area; and
- (c) a stress echocardiography service is not available in the Modified Monash area where the services is provided; and
- (d) the service includes resting electrocardiograph, continuous electrocardiograph monitoring during exercise (with recording), blood pressure monitoring and the recording of other parameters (including heart rate); and
- (e) the service is requested by a medical practitioner (other than a specialist or consultant physician); and
- (f) not being a service associated with a service to which item 11704, 11705, 11707, 11714, 11729, 11730, 61321, 61324, 61325, 61329, 61345, 61357, 61394, 61398, 61406 or 61414 applies (R)

Bulk Billing Incentive applies (IN.0.19)

See para IR.4.1, IN.4.3 of explanatory notes to this Category

MBS fee: \$982.05 **Benefit: 85%** = \$897.35 **75%** = \$736.55

New item 61406 – Combined stress and rest myocardial perfusion study for assessment of cardiac ischaemia (specialist or consultant physician) provided in a MMM 3-7 area

Overview: A new item created for a combined rest and stress MPS study to investigate cardiac ischaemia, provided at a practice located in a MMM 3 to 7 area, where a stress echocardiography service cannot be accessed. A service provided under item 61406 is requested by a specialist or consultant physician.

A myocardial perfusion study is claimable once every 2 years, consisting of 1 combined study (rest & stress) or 1 rest study and 1 stress study.



Descriptor: Combined stress and rest, stress and re-injection or rest and redistribution myocardial perfusion study, including delayed imaging or re-injection protocol on a subsequent occasion – with single photon emission tomography, which can include planar imaging, if:

- (a) the patient has symptoms of cardiac ischaemia;
- (b) and the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in:
 - i. a Modified Monash 3 area; or
 - ii. a Modified Monash 4 area; or
 - iii. a Modified Monash 5 area; or
 - iv. a Modified Monash 6 area; or
 - v. a Modified Monash 7 area; and
- (c) a stress echocardiography service is not available in the Modified Monash area where the services is provided; and
- (d) the service includes resting electrocardiograph, continuous electrocardiograph monitoring during exercise (with recording), blood pressure monitoring and the recording of other parameters (including heart rate); and
- (e) the service is requested by a specialist or consultant physician; and
- (f) not being a service associated with a service to which item 11704, 11705, 11707, 11714, 11729, 11730, 61321, 61324, 61325, 61329, 61345, 61357, 61394, 61398, 61406 or 61414 applies (R)

Bulk Billing Incentive applies (IN.0.19)

See para IR.4.1, IN.4.3 of explanatory notes to this Category

MBS fee: \$982.05 **Benefit:** 85% = \$897.35 75% = \$736.55

New item 61410 – Repeat combined stress and rest myocardial perfusion study provided in a MMM 3-7 area

Overview: A new item created for a repeat combined stress and rest MPS for a person who has a previous MPS under item 61345 and has undergone a revascularisation procedure (such as coronary artery bypass graft or stenting) and cardiac ischaemic symptoms have evolved. This service must be provided at a practice located in a MMM 3 to 7 area, where a stress echocardiography service cannot be accessed.

Descriptor: Note: the service only applies if the patient meets the requirements of the descriptor and the requirements of Note: IR.4.1

Repeat combined stress and rest, stress and re-injection or rest and redistribution myocardial perfusion study, including delayed imaging or re-injection protocol on a subsequent occasion—with single photon emission tomography, which can include planar imaging, if:

- (a) in the previous 24 months, the patient has had a single stress or combined rest and stress myocardial perfusion study performed under item 61324, 61329, 61345, 61357, 61394, 61398, 61406 or 61414 and has undergone a revascularisation procedure; and



- (b) the patient has one or more symptoms of cardiac ischaemia that have evolved and are not adequately controlled with optimal medical therapy; and
- (c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in:
 - i. a Modified Monash 3 area; or
 - ii. a Modified Monash 4 area; or
 - iii. a Modified Monash 5 area; or
 - iv. a Modified Monash 6 area; or
 - v. a Modified Monash 7 area; and
- (d) a stress echocardiography service is not available in the Modified Monash area where the services is provided; and
- (e) not being a service associated with a service to which item 11704, 11705, 11707, 11714, 11729 or 11730 applies

For any particular patient, applicable not more than once in 12 months (R)

Bulk Billing Incentive applies (IN.0.19)

See para IR.4.1, IN.4.3 of explanatory notes to this Category

MBS fee: \$982.05 **Benefit: 85%** = \$897.35 **75%** = \$736.55

New item 61414 – Single stress myocardial perfusion study for assessment of cardiac ischaemia (GP) provided in a MMM 3-7 area

Overview: A new item created for a single stress MPS for assessment of cardiac ischemia requested by a medical practitioner, other than a specialist or consultant physician. This service must be provided at a practice located in a MMM 3 to 7 area, where a stress echocardiography service cannot be accessed.

A myocardial perfusion study is claimable once every 2 years, consisting of 1 combined study (rest & stress) or 1 rest study and 1 stress study.

Descriptor: Note: the service only applies if the patient meets the requirements of the descriptor and the requirements of Note: IR.4.1

Single stress myocardial perfusion study – with single photon emission tomography, which can include planar imaging, if:

- (a) the patient has symptoms of cardiac ischaemia; and
- (b) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in:
 - i. a Modified Monash 3 area; or
 - ii. a Modified Monash 4 area; or
 - iii. a Modified Monash 5 area; or
 - iv. a Modified Monash 6 area; or



- v. a Modified Monash 7 area; and
- (c) a stress echocardiography service is not available in the Modified Monash area where the services is provided; and
- (d) the service includes resting electrocardiograph, continuous electrocardiograph monitoring during exercise (with recording), blood pressure monitoring and the recording of other parameters (including heart rate); and
- (e) the service is requested by a medical practitioner (other than a specialist or consultant physician); and
- (f) not being a service associated with a service to which item 11704, 11705, 11707, 11714, 11729, 11730, 61321, 61324, 61325, 61329, 61345, 61357, 61394, 61398, 61406 or 61414 applies (R)

Bulk Billing Incentive applies (IN.0.19)

See para IR.4.1, IN.4.3 of explanatory notes to this Category

MBS fee: \$653.05 **Benefit: 85%** = \$568.35 **75%** = \$489.80

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Please note that the information provided is a general guide only. It is ultimately the responsibility of treating practitioners to use their professional judgment to determine the most clinically appropriate services to provide, and then to ensure that any services billed to Medicare fully meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the legislation.

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