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**At the time of production of this document, the relevant legislation giving authority for the changes included in this edition are still subject to Parliamentary scrutiny.**

**Please note that if the item refers to a service in which treatment continues over a period of time in excess of one day and the treatment commenced before 1 August 2007 and continues beyond that date, the existing item, fee and benefit levels will apply. In any other case the date the service is rendered will determine which item and fee is applicable.**

## MBS Online

The latest Medicare Benefits Schedule information is available from *MBS Online* at:

<http://www.health.gov.au/mbsonline>

MBS Online recently introduced a Subscription service that is proving to be a useful tool to many subscribers. This service notifies subscribers when amendments have been made to the Medicare Benefits Schedule. MBS Online currently has over 1,000 subscribers.

The Department welcomes any suggestions for improvements to MBS Online as well as the layout of the Medicare Benefits Schedule book and online documents. Any suggestions should be sent to:

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## Interpretation of the MBS

The day-to-day administration and payment of benefits under the Medicare arrangements is the responsibility of [Medicare Australia](#).

Inquiries concerning matters of interpretation of Schedule items should be directed to Medicare Australia and not to the Department of Health and Ageing.

The following telephone numbers have been reserved by Medicare Australia exclusively for enquiries relating to the MBS:

NSW – 02 9895 3346

WA - 08 9214 8488

VIC - 03 9605 7964

TAS - 03 6215 5740

QLD - 07 3004 5450

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SA - 08 8274 9788

NT - use South Australia number

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## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

The 1 August 2007 changes to the MBS are summarised below and are identified in the Schedule pages by one or more of the following symbols appearing above the item number: -

- † new item
- ‡ amended description
- + amended fee

### New Items

43021            43022            43023

### Deleted Items

42875            42878            42881            42884            42887            42990            42991  
42993            42996            42999            43000            43002            43005            43008  
43011            43014            43017

OPERATIONS	OPHTHALMOLOGY
<b>GROUP T8 - SURGICAL OPERATIONS</b>	
<b>SUBGROUP 9 - OPHTHALMOLOGY</b>	
† 43021	<p>Photodynamic therapy, one eye, including the infusion of Verteporfin continuously through a peripheral vein, using a non-thermal laser at a wavelength of 689nm, for the treatment of choroidal neovascularisation. (Ministerial Determination)</p> <p><b>Fee:</b> \$402.10 <b>Benefit:</b> 75% = \$301.60    85% = \$341.80</p>
† 43022	<p>Photodynamic therapy, both eyes, including the infusion of Verteporfin continuously through a peripheral vein, using a non-thermal laser at a wavelength of 689nm, for the treatment of choroidal neovascularisation. (Ministerial Determination)</p> <p><b>Fee:</b> \$482.60 <b>Benefit:</b> 75% = \$361.95    85% = \$418.70</p>
† 43023	<p>Infusion of Verteporfin for discontinued photodynamic therapy, where a session of therapy which would have been provided under item 43021 or 43022 has been discontinued on medical grounds. (Ministerial Determination)</p> <p><b>Fee:</b> \$78.20 <b>Benefit:</b> 75% = \$58.65    85% = \$66.50</p>

**T8.43            Peripheral Arterial or Venous Embolisation (Item 35321)**

T8.43.1            Item 35321 does not apply to the service described in that item if the service is provided at the same time as, or in connection with, endovenous laser treatment for varicose veins.