



Changes to MBS items: Anaesthesia Age Modifier services

Date of change: 1 May 2020

New items: **25013** **25014**

Deleted items: **25012** **25015**

Revised structure

- The revised structure contains two new items and removes two existing items.
- The revised structure is a result of an administrative change to separate the paediatric and adult anaesthesia age modifier services and will allow for easier processing of claims.

Patient impacts

- Patients will still receive Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) rebates for anaesthesia services that are clinically appropriate and reflect modern clinical practice.

Restrictions or requirements

- New item 25013 (anaesthesia paediatric age modifier)
 - > This item will be claimable for paediatric patients under four years old who have an eligible anaesthesia service.
- Item 25014 (anaesthesia adult age modifier)
 - > This item will be claimable for patients 75 years or older who have an eligible anaesthesia service.

A Medicare benefit is only payable for anaesthesia which is performed in connection with an "eligible" service. An "eligible" service is defined as a clinically relevant professional service which is listed in the MBS and which has been identified as attracting an anaesthetic fee.



New item 25013 – anaesthesia paediatric age modifier

Overview: The new item provides benefits for patients who have an eligible anaesthesia service and are under four years old.

Descriptor: Anaesthesia, perfusion or assistance in the management of anaesthesia, if the patient is aged under 4 years.

MBS fee: \$20.10

Benefit: 75% = \$15.10 85% = \$17.10

New item 25014 – anaesthesia adult age modifier

Overview: The new item provides benefits for patients who have an eligible anaesthesia service and are 75 years old or older.

Descriptor: Anaesthesia, perfusion or assistance in the management of anaesthesia, if the patient is aged 75 years or more.

MBS fee: \$20.10

Benefit: 75% = \$15.10 85% = \$17.10

Deleted items 25012 and 25015 – anaesthesia age modifiers

As of 1 May 2020, services under item:

- 25012 will be claimable under new item 25013.
- 25015 will be claimable under item 25013 or 25014 depending on the age of the patient.

Item Mapping

From 1 May 2020, the deleted items can be claimed under the new items as per the below table.

| Deleted Item | New Item |
|---|---|
| 25012 - Anaesthesia, perfusion or assistance in the management of anaesthesia, if the patient is over 3 years of age but under 4 years of age | 25013 - Anaesthesia, perfusion or assistance in the management of anaesthesia, if the patient is aged under 4 years. |
| 25015 - Anaesthesia, perfusion or assistance in the management of anaesthesia, if the patient is aged not more than 3 years or at least 75 years | <p><u>Patient age is under four years old</u> 25013 - Anaesthesia, perfusion or assistance in the management of anaesthesia, if the patient is aged under 4 years.</p> <p><u>Patient age is 75 years old or older</u> 25014 - Anaesthesia, perfusion or assistance in the management of anaesthesia, if the patient is aged 75 years or more.</p> |



To view previous item descriptors and deleted items, visit MBS Online at [MBS Online](#), navigate to 'Downloads' and then select the relevant time period at the bottom of the page. The old items can then be viewed by downloading the MBS files published in the month before implementation of the changes.

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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