

MBS Update:

1 new MBS item number for MRI of the pelvis or abdomen for sub-fertility and deep endometriosis

What are the changes?

From Nov 1, 2022 this MBS item has been introduced on the recommendation of the MBS Review Taskforce to create a new MBS item of the pelvis for conditions that affect women's fertility.

MRI scan of the pelvis or abdomen for sub-fertility and deep endometriosis.

NEW MBS Item Number 63563

MRI scan of the pelvis or abdomen, if the request for the scan identifies that the investigation is for:

- (a) **sub-fertility that requires one or more of the following:**
 - (i) **an investigation of suspected Mullerian duct anomaly seen in pelvic ultrasound or hysterosalpingogram;**
 - (ii) **an assessment of uterine mass identified on pelvic ultrasound before consideration of surgery;**
 - (iii) **an investigation of recurrent implantation failure in IVF (2 or more embryo transfer cycles without viable pregnancy); or**
- (b) **surgical planning of a patient with known or suspected deep endometriosis involving the bowel, bladder or ureter (or any combination of the bowel, bladder or ureter), where the results of pelvic ultrasound are inconclusive**

Applicable not more than once in a 2 year period

Indication

New Item 63563 can only be requested by a specialist or consultant physician and applies to patients who experience sub-fertility or deep endometriosis.

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Other requirements

Diagnostic Imaging Request

For Item 63563 the requesting specialist or consultant physician **is to record in their clinical notes on the request form** that the scan is for the investigation of:

- sub-fertility requiring one or more of the following:
 - an investigation of suspected Mullerian duct anomaly seen in pelvic ultrasound or hysterosalpingogram;
 - an assessment of uterine mass identified on pelvic ultrasound before consideration of surgery;
 - an investigation of recurrent implantation failure in IVF (2 or more embryo transfer cycles without viable pregnancy); or
- surgical planning of a patient with known or suspected deep endometriosis involving either the bowel, bladder or ureter, where the results of pelvic ultrasound are inconclusive.

Definitions

- Recurrent implantation failure is defined as failure to establish clinical pregnancy following two or more embryo transfer cycles. The number of embryos per cycle can be one or more.
- 'Viable pregnancy' is defined as any pregnancy that results in a live birth.

What does this mean for referrers?

These changes will ensure that the diagnostic imaging services provided under Medicare are up to date and reflect best clinical practice.

What does this mean for patients?

The changes will provide greater access for patients to services that are contemporary and reflect best clinical practice leading to improved patient health outcomes.

Why are these changes being made?

The listing of these services was recommended by the Medical Service Advisory Committee (MSAC) in November 2022.

