

MBS Update:

Important information for GPs

May 2020

What are the changes?

Practitioners should indicate they have discussed the case with a specialist

Changes to MBS guidelines for referring for CT angiography

Dear Doctors,

In the recent Medicare updates, there is an important amendment to the way **general practitioners** may refer for Medicare-funded computed tomography (CT) angiography.

FROM MAY 2020:

For patients to be eligible for a Medicare rebate when requested by a general practitioner, **the request must indicate that the patient's case has been discussed with a radiologist, specialist or consultant physician.**

Kind regards, the team at I-MED Radiology

CT angiograms are performed for the exclusion of:

- Acute or recurrent pulmonary embolism
- Acute symptomatic arterial occlusion
- Arterial stenosis
- Post-operative complication of arterial surgery
- Acute ruptured aneurysm
- Acute dissection of the aorta, carotid or vertebral artery

Please note: CT of the coronary arteries is covered under a separate item number and is currently not available for GP rebate.

