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| 63555 | referral by a medical practitioner (excluding a specialist or consultant physician) for a scan of spine for a patient 16 years or older for suspected:<br>- cervical radiculopathy (R) (NK) (Contrast) (Anaes.)<br><b>Fee:</b> \$179.20 <b>Benefit:</b> 75% = \$134.40    85% = \$152.35   |
| 63557 | referral by a medical practitioner (excluding a specialist or consultant physician) for a scan of spine for a patient 16 years or older for suspected:<br>- cervical spine trauma (R) (Contrast) (Anaes.)<br><b>Fee:</b> \$492.80 <b>Benefit:</b> 75% = \$369.60    85% = \$418.90   |
| 63558 | referral by a medical practitioner (excluding a specialist or consultant physician) for a scan of spine for a patient 16 years or older for suspected:<br>- cervical spine trauma (R) (NK) (Contrast) (Anaes.)<br><b>Fee:</b> \$246.40 <b>Benefit:</b> 75% = \$ 184.80    85% = \$209.45   |
| 63560 | referral by a medical practitioner (excluding a specialist or consultant physician) for a scan of knee following acute knee trauma for a patient 16 years or older with:<br>- inability to extend the knee suggesting the possibility of acute meniscal tear (R) (Contrast) (Anaes.); or<br>- clinical findings suggesting acute anterior cruciate ligament tear. (R) (Contrast) (Anaes.)<br><b>Fee:</b> \$403.20 <b>Benefit:</b> 75% = \$302.40    85% = \$342.75           |
| 63561 | referral by a medical practitioner (excluding a specialist or consultant physician) for a scan of knee following acute knee trauma for a patient 16 years or older with:<br>- inability to extend the knee suggesting the possibility of acute meniscal tear (R) (NK) (Contrast) (Anaes.); or<br>- clinical findings suggesting acute anterior cruciate ligament tear. (R) (NK) (Contrast) (Anaes.)<br><b>Fee:</b> \$201.60 <b>Benefit:</b> 75% = \$151.20    85% = \$171.40 |

These items can only be provided on either a full or partial Medicare-eligible MRI unit. The complete list of Medicare-eligible MRI units is available on the Department of Health website at: [www.health.gov.au/mri](http://www.health.gov.au/mri)

### - Frequently Asked Questions -

*Where can I find the details of the Medicare MRI items?*

Details of the item descriptors and explanatory notes can be found at [mbsonline.gov.au](http://mbsonline.gov.au)

*Which MRI units can provide these four new Medicare rebated GP requested items?*

Both partial and full Medicare-eligible MRI units can provide these services.

*Can these items also be requested by a specialist?*

No, these items are restricted to request only by medical practitioners excluding specialist or consultant physician. If requested by a specialist or consultant physician a Medicare rebate will not apply. Specialist and consultant physicians can currently request equivalent Medicare-eligible MRI services.

*Are patients under the age of 16 years eligible for these items?*

No, the patient must be aged of 16 years or older on the day the service is performed, not on the day the service is requested.

*If a request is dated pre 1 November 2013 is it eligible?*

Yes. GP requests dated prior to 1 November 2013 will be Medicare-eligible as long as the service is performed from 1 November 2013.

## Overview of Medicare-eligible MRI items for MRI Providers

The following list provides a breakdown of which MBS MRI items can be provided on full or partial Medicare-eligible MRI units.

| Item Range                       | Status  | Description  | Requester  | Access  |
|----------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| 63001<br>To<br>63482             | Existing items                                    | MRI items  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialist; or</li> <li>• Consultant physician</li> </ul>                                   | Full Medicare-eligible  |
| 63507<br>To<br>63523             | Existing items<br>(introduced<br>1 November 2012) | MRI items for<br>patients under the<br>age of 16           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical practitioners<br/>other than specialist<br/>or consultant<br/>physicians</li> </ul> | Full Medicare-eligible; and<br>Partial Medicare-eligible  |
| 63464<br>To<br>63476             | Existing items                                    | Existing Cancer<br>staging & breast<br>screening items     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialist; or</li> <li>• Consultant physician</li> </ul>                                   | Full Medicare-eligible; and<br>Partial Medicare-eligible  |
| 63491<br>To<br>63497             | Existing items                                    | MRI modifying<br>items                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All medical<br/>practitioners</li> </ul>  | Full Medicare-eligible; and<br>Partial Medicare-eligible  |
| 63501<br>63502<br>63504<br>63505 | Existing items<br>(Interim listed<br>items)       | Interim listed PIP<br>breast MRI                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All medical<br/>practitioners</li> </ul>  | Any MRI unit (eligible or<br>ineligible) that have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practice Accreditation under<br/>the Diagnostic Imaging<br/>Accreditation Scheme<br/>(DIAS); and</li> <li>• Operates a dedicated breast<br/>coil.</li> </ul> |
| 63551<br>To<br>63561             | <b>New Items<br/>1 November<br/>2013</b>          | MRI items for all<br>patients 16 years<br>of age and older | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical practitioners<br/>other than specialist<br/>or consultant<br/>physicians</li> </ul> | Full Medicare-eligible; and<br>Partial Medicare-eligible  |