



Medicare Benefits Schedule Review

Spinal Surgery

This factsheet outlines the key draft recommendations from the **MBS Review Taskforce's Spinal Surgery Clinical Committee** report. For more detailed information on each recommendation, see the [summary for consumers](#) or read all recommendations in the [full report](#).



Number of items reviewed **74**



Number of recommendations **3**

✓ Key recommendations

New MBS items for spinal surgery

The Committee recommends a new schedule of items for spinal surgery. This will provide greater clarity for surgeons using the items numbers and provide consistency to ensure patients are provided with the same level of benefit for the same surgery.

Better rules for spinal surgery MBS items

The new rules will accompany the new schedule of MBS items for spinal surgery. The intention of adding the rules is to reduce any inappropriate claiming of multiple MBS items in a single episode of care.

Removing obsolete services

The Committee is recommending three obsolete items be removed from the MBS. An obsolete service is that which no longer represents current clinical best practice and has been replaced by a test or procedure which provides better outcomes.

About MBS Review

The MBS Review Taskforce is considering how more than 5,700 services can be aligned with contemporary clinical evidence and practice and improve health outcomes for patients. It is led by a Taskforce of clinicians, health system experts and consumer representatives.