

## 1 March 2022 changes to Pain Management items – Item Map

- From 1 March 2022, changes were made to a number of the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items for pain management services to align with contemporary best practice. The changes are a result of the MBS Review Taskforce recommendations for pain management and extensive consultation with stakeholders.
- Changes have been made to nerve block, spinal injection and implanted device procedure MBS services and include 7 new items, 42 amended items and 3 deleted items.
- This document includes the further amendments to the six percutaneous neurotomy items, effective from 11 April 2022.
- This document also includes the Private Health Insurance (PHI) classifications and categorisations for all new and amended MBS items. For questions regarding the PHI classifications, please email [PHI@health.gov.au](mailto:PHI@health.gov.au).
- The Department of Health provides an email advice service for providers seeking advice on interpretation of MBS items and rules and the Health Insurance Act and associated regulations. If you have a question regarding the interpretation of the pain management items, please email [askMBS@health.gov.au](mailto:askMBS@health.gov.au).

**NOTE:** Updated factsheets and additional information about the pain management changes is also available at: [MBS online website - Pain Management Services Changes](#).

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### Changes to nerve block and spinal injection MBS services

MBS Taskforce Rec #	Change	Item	Current Item Descriptor	New Item Descriptor
1	Amended item	18213	Intravenous regional anaesthesia of limb by retrograde perfusion MBS Schedule Fee: \$92.20 PHI Procedure Type: Type C PHI Clinical Category: Support list	Intravenous regional anaesthesia of limb by retrograde perfusion of <b>local anaesthetic agent</b> MBS Schedule Fee: \$92.20 85% Benefit: \$78.40 75% Benefit: \$69.15 PHI Procedure Type: C PHI Clinical Category: Support List
1	Deleted item	14209	Intra-arterial infusion or retrograde intravenous perfusion of a sympatholytic agent MBS Schedule Fee: \$92.25 PHI Procedure Type: Type C PHI Clinical Category: Common list	n/a

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			Where appropriate these services can be billed under item 18213: Intravenous regional anaesthesia of limb by retrograde perfusion	
2	Amended item	18222	<p>Infusion of a therapeutic substance to maintain regional anaesthesia or analgesia, subsequent injection or revision of, if the period of continuous medical practitioner attendance is 15 minutes or less</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$39.15</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support list</p>	<p><a href="#">Continuous infusion or injection by catheter</a> of a therapeutic substance (<a href="#">not contrast agent</a>) to maintain regional anaesthesia or analgesia, subsequent injection or revision of, if the period of continuous medical practitioner attendance is 15 minutes or less</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$39.15 85% Benefit: \$33.30 75% Benefit: \$29.40</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support List</p>
2	Amended item	18225	<p>Infusion of a therapeutic substance to maintain regional anaesthesia or analgesia, subsequent injection or revision of, if the period of continuous medical practitioner attendance is more than 15 minutes</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$52.05</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support list</p>	<p><a href="#">Continuous infusion or injection by catheter</a> of a therapeutic substance (<a href="#">not contrast agent</a>) to maintain regional anaesthesia or analgesia, subsequent injection or revision of, if the period of continuous medical practitioner attendance is more than 15 minutes</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$52.05 85% Benefit: \$44.25 75% Benefit: \$39.05</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support List</p>
3	Amended item	18230	<p>Intrathecal or epidural injection of neurolytic substance (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$248.10</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type B non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Support list</p>	<p>Intrathecal or epidural injection of neurolytic substance (<a href="#">not contrast agent</a>) <a href="#">by any route, including transforaminal route</a> (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$248.10 85% Benefit: \$210.90 75% Benefit: \$186.10</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Support List</p>

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4/20	Amended item	18232	<p>Intrathecal or epidural injection of substance other than anaesthetic, contrast or neurolytic solutions, other than a service to which another item in this Group applies (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$197.60</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support list</p>	<p>Intrathecal or epidural injection (including translaminar and transforaminal approaches) of therapeutic substance or substances (anaesthetic, steroid or chemotherapeutic agents); <del>other than anaesthetic, contrast or neurolytic solutions,</del> (a) other than a service to which another item in this Group applies; and (b) not in association with a service to which an item in Group T8 applies, unless the nerve block is performed using a targeted percutaneous approach (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$197.60 85% Benefit: \$168.00 75% Benefit: \$148.20</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support List</p>
5	Amended item	18284	<p>Stellate ganglion, injection of an anaesthetic agent (cervical sympathetic block) (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$153.60</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Common list</p>	<p>Cervical or thoracic sympathetic chain <del>Stellate ganglion</del>, injection of an anaesthetic agent (<del>cervical sympathetic block</del>) (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$153.60 85% Benefit: \$130.60 75% Benefit: \$115.20</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Common treatments</p>
6	Amended item	18286	<p>Lumbar or thoracic nerves, injection of an anaesthetic agent (paravertebral sympathetic block) (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$153.60</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Common list</p>	<p>Lumbar or pelvic sympathetic chain <del>thoracic nerves</del>, injection of an anaesthetic agent (<del>paravertebral sympathetic block</del>) (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$153.60 85% Benefit: \$130.60 75% Benefit: \$115.20</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Common treatments</p>

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7/8	Amended item	18296	Lumbar sympathetic chain, destruction by a neurolytic agent (Anaes.)  MBS Schedule Fee: \$156.65  PHI Procedure Type: Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Common list	Lumbar <a href="#">or pelvic</a> sympathetic chain, destruction by a neurolytic agent <a href="#">under image guidance</a> (Anaes.)  MBS Schedule Fee: \$156.65 85% Benefit: \$133.20 75% Benefit: \$117.50  PHI Procedure Type: Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Common treatments
7	Amended item	18290	Cranial nerve other than trigeminal, destruction by a neurolytic agent, other than a service associated with the injection of botulinum toxin (Anaes.)  MBS Schedule Fee: \$259.85  PHI Procedure Type: Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Common list	Cranial nerve other than trigeminal, destruction by a neurolytic agent <a href="#">under image guidance</a> , other than a service associated with the injection of botulinum toxin (Anaes.)  MBS Schedule Fee: \$259.85 85% Benefit: \$220.90 75% Benefit: \$194.90  PHI Procedure Type: Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Common treatments
7	Amended item	18292	Nerve branch, destruction by a neurolytic agent, other than a service to which another item in this Group applies or a service associated with the injection of botulinum toxin except a service to which item 18354 applies (Anaes.)  MBS Schedule Fee: \$129.90  PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Common list	Nerve branch, destruction by a neurolytic agent <a href="#">under image guidance</a> , other than a service to which another item in this Group applies or a service associated with the injection of botulinum toxin except a service to which item 18354 applies (Anaes.)  MBS Schedule Fee: \$129.90 85% Benefit: \$110.45 75% Benefit: \$97.45  PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Common treatments
7	Amended item	18294	Coeliac plexus or splanchnic nerves, destruction by a neurolytic agent (Anaes.)  MBS Schedule Fee: \$183.15  PHI Procedure Type: Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Common list	Coeliac plexus or splanchnic nerves, destruction by a neurolytic agent <a href="#">under image guidance</a> (Anaes.)  MBS Schedule Fee: \$183.15 85% Benefit: \$155.70 75% Benefit: \$137.40  PHI Procedure Type: Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Common treatments

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9	Amended item	39013	<p>Injection under image intensification with one or more of contrast media, local anaesthetic or corticosteroid into one or more zygo-apophyseal or costo-transverse joints or one or more primary posterior rami of spinal nerves (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$113.55</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type B Non-band specific</p> <p>PHI Clinical Category: Brain and nervous system</p>	<p>Injection <del>under image intensification with one or more of contrast media, local anaesthetic or corticosteroid into</del> of one or more zygo-apophyseal or costo-transverse joints <del>or with one or more primary posterior rami of spinal nerves of</del> contrast media, local anaesthetic or corticosteroid under image guidance (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$113.55 85% Benefit: \$96.55 75% Benefit: \$85.20</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Pain management</p>
9	New item	39014	n/a	<p>Medial branch block of one or more primary posterior rami, injection of an anaesthetic agent under image guidance (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$129.90 85% Benefit: \$110.45 75% Benefit: \$97.45</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Pain Management</p>
10	Amended item	39100	<p>Injection of primary branch of trigeminal nerve with alcohol, cortisone, phenol, or similar substance (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$247.20</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type B Band 1 PHI Clinical Category: Pain management</p>	<p>Injection of primary branch of trigeminal nerve (<del>ophthalmic, maxillary or mandibular branches</del>) with alcohol, cortisone, phenol, or similar neurolytic substance, under image guidance (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$247.20 85% Benefit: \$210.15 75% Benefit: \$185.40</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type B Non-band Specific PHI Clinical Category: Pain management</p>

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11	Amended item	39118	<p>Percutaneous neurotomy for facet joint denervation by radio-frequency probe or cryoprobe using radiological imaging control (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$309.90</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical and Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Pain management</p>	<p>Left cervical percutaneous <del>neurotomy for facet</del>zygapophyseal joint denervation by radio-frequency probe or cryoprobe, using radiological imaging control, applicable to one or more services provided in a single attendance, for not more than 3 attendances in a 12 month period (Anaes.) <del>(Assist.)</del></p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$340.90 85% Benefit: \$289.80 75% Benefit: \$255.70</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical and Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Pain Management</p>
11	New item	39119	n/a	<p>Right cervical percutaneous zygapophyseal joint denervation by radio-frequency probe, or cryoprobe, using radiological imaging control, applicable to one or more services provided in a single attendance, for not more than 3 attendances in a 12 month period (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$340.90 85% Benefit: \$289.80 75% Benefit: \$255.70</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical and Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Pain management</p>
11	New item	39116	n/a	<p>Left thoracic percutaneous zygapophyseal joint denervation by radio-frequency probe, or cryoprobe, using radiological imaging control, applicable to one or more services provided in a single attendance, for not more than 3 attendances in a 12 month period (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$309.90 85% Benefit: \$263.45 75% Benefit: \$232.45</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical and Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Pain management</p>

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11	New item	39117	n/a	<p>Right thoracic percutaneous zygapophyseal joint denervation by radio-frequency probe, or cryoprobe, using radiological imaging control, applicable to one or more services provided in a single attendance, for not more than 3 attendances in a 12 month period (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$309.90 85% Benefit: \$263.45 75% Benefit: \$232.45</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical and Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Pain management</p>
11	New item	39110	n/a	<p>Left lumbar percutaneous zygapophyseal joint denervation by radio-frequency probe, or cryoprobe, using radiological imaging control, applicable to one or more services provided in a single attendance, for not more than 3 attendances in a 12 month period (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$278.90 85% Benefit: \$237.10 75% Benefit: \$209.20</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical and Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Pain Management</p>
11	New item	39111	n/a	<p>Right lumbar percutaneous zygapophyseal joint denervation by radio-frequency probe, or cryoprobe, using radiological imaging control, applicable to one or more services provided in a single attendance, for not more than 3 attendances in a 12 month period (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$278.90 85% Benefit: \$237.10 75% Benefit: \$209.20</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical and Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Pain Management</p>
12	Amended item	39323	<p>Percutaneous neurotomy by cryotherapy or radiofrequency lesion generator, other than a service to which another item applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$288.00</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical PHI Clinical Category: Pain management</p>	<p>Percutaneous <del>neurotomy</del> denervation (excluding medial branch nerve) <del>neurotomy</del> by cryotherapy or radiofrequency <del>probe lesion generator</del>, other than a service to which another item applies, applicable not more than six times for a given nerve in a 12 month period (Anaes.) <del>(Assist.)</del></p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$288.00 85% Benefit: \$244.80 75% Benefit: \$216.00</p>

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				PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical and Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Pain Management
20	Amended item	18228	<p>Interpleural block, initial injection or commencement of infusion of a therapeutic substance</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$65.05</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support list</p>	<p>Interpleural block, initial injection or commencement of infusion of a therapeutic substance, <a href="#">not in association with a service to which an item in Group T8 applies, unless the nerve block is performed using a targeted percutaneous approach</a></p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$65.05 85% Benefit: \$55.30 75% Benefit: \$48.80</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support List</p>
20	Amended item	18238	<p>Facial nerve, injection of an anaesthetic agent, other than a service associated with a service to which item 18240 applies</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$39.15</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support list</p>	<p>Facial nerve, injection of an anaesthetic agent, other than a service associated with a service to which item 18240 applies, <a href="#">not in association with a service to which an item in Group T8 applies, unless the nerve block is performed using a targeted percutaneous approach</a></p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$39.15 85% Benefit: \$33.30 75% Benefit: \$29.40</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support List</p>
20	Amended item	18244	<p>Vagus nerve, injection of an anaesthetic agent</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$104.90</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support list</p>	<p>Vagus nerve, injection of an anaesthetic agent, <a href="#">not in association with a service to which an item in Group T8 applies, unless the nerve block is performed using a targeted percutaneous approach</a></p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$104.90 85% Benefit: \$89.20 75% Benefit: \$78.70</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support List</p>



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20	Amended item	18252	<p>Cervical plexus, injection of an anaesthetic agent</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$104.90</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support list</p>	<p>Cervical plexus, injection of an anaesthetic agent, <a href="#">not in association with a service to which an item in Group T8 applies, unless the nerve block is performed using a targeted percutaneous approach</a></p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$104.90 85% Benefit: \$89.20 75% Benefit: \$78.70</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support List</p>
20	Amended item	18254	<p>Brachial plexus, injection of an anaesthetic agent</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$104.90</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support list</p>	<p>Brachial plexus, injection of an anaesthetic agent, <a href="#">not in association with a service to which an item in Group T8 applies, unless the nerve block is performed using a targeted percutaneous approach</a></p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$104.90 85% Benefit: \$89.20 75% Benefit: \$78.70</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support List</p>
20	Amended item	18262	<p>Ilio inguinal, iliohypogastric or genitofemoral nerves, one or more of, injections of an anaesthetic agent (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$65.05</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support list</p>	<p>Ilio inguinal, iliohypogastric or genitofemoral nerves, one or more of, injections of an anaesthetic agent, <a href="#">not in association with a service to which an item in Group T8 applies, unless the nerve block is performed using a targeted percutaneous approach (Anaes.)</a></p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$65.05 85% Benefit: \$55.30 75% Benefit: \$48.80</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support List</p>

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20	Amended item	18264	<p>Pudendal nerve or dorsal nerve (or both), injection of an anaesthetic agent</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$104.90</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support list</p>	<p>Pudendal nerve or dorsal nerve (or both), injection of an anaesthetic agent, <a href="#">not in association with a service to which an item in Group T8 applies unless the nerve block is performed using a targeted percutaneous approach</a></p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$104.90 85% Benefit: \$89.20 75% Benefit: \$78.70</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Common treatments</p>
20	Amended item	18266	<p>Ulnar, radial or median nerve, main trunk of, one or more of, injections of an anaesthetic agent, not being associated with a brachial plexus block</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$65.05</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support list</p>	<p>Ulnar, radial or median nerve, main trunk of, one or more of, injections of an anaesthetic agent, not being associated with a brachial plexus block, <a href="#">not in association with a service to which an item in Group T8 applies, unless the nerve block is performed using a targeted percutaneous approach</a></p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$65.05 85% Benefit: \$55.30 75% Benefit: \$48.80</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support List</p>
20	Amended item	18280	<p>Sphenopalatine ganglion, injection of an anaesthetic agent (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$129.90</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Support list</p>	<p>Sphenopalatine ganglion, injection of an anaesthetic agent, <a href="#">not in association with a service to which an item in Group T8 applies, unless the nerve block is performed using a targeted percutaneous approach</a> (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$129.90 85% Benefit: \$110.45 75% Benefit: \$97.45</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Pain Management</p>
20	Amended item	18288	<p>Coeliac plexus or splanchnic nerves, injection of an anaesthetic agent (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$153.60</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Common list</p>	<p>Coeliac plexus or splanchnic nerves, injection of an anaesthetic agent, <a href="#">not in association with a service to which an item in Group T8 applies, unless the nerve block is performed using a targeted percutaneous approach</a> (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$153.60 85% Benefit: \$130.60 75% Benefit: \$115.20</p>

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				PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support List
20	Amended item	18278	Sciatic nerve, injection of an anaesthetic agent  MBS Schedule Fee: \$92.20  PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support list	Sciatic nerve, injection of an anaesthetic agent, <a href="#">not in association with a service to which an item in Group T8 applies, unless the nerve block is performed using a targeted percutaneous approach</a>  MBS Schedule Fee: \$92.20 85% Benefit: \$78.40 75% Benefit: \$69.15  PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support List
21	Amended item	18234	Trigeminal nerve, primary division of, injection of an anaesthetic agent (Anaes.)  MBS Schedule Fee: \$129.90  PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support list	Trigeminal nerve, primary <del>division of branch</del> <a href="#">(ophthalmic, maxillary or mandibular branches, excluding infraorbital nerve)</a> , injection of an anaesthetic agent <a href="#">or steroid, but not in association with a service to which an item in Group T8 applies, unless a targeted percutaneous technique is used</a> (Anaes.)  MBS Schedule Fee: \$129.90 85% Benefit: \$110.45 75% Benefit: \$97.45  PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support List
21	Amended item	18236	Trigeminal nerve, peripheral branch of, injection of an anaesthetic agent (Anaes.)  MBS Schedule Fee: \$65.05  PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support list	Trigeminal nerve, peripheral branch <a href="#">(including infraorbital nerve)</a> , injection of an anaesthetic agent, <a href="#">but not in association with a service to which an item in Group T8 applies unless a targeted percutaneous technique is used</a> (Anaes.)  MBS Schedule Fee: \$65.05 85% Benefit: \$55.30 75% Benefit: \$48.80  PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Support List
23	Deleted item	18274	Paravertebral, cervical, thoracic, lumbar, sacral or coccygeal nerves, injection of an anaesthetic agent, (single vertebral level)  MBS Schedule Fee: \$92.20  PHI Procedure Type: Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Support list	n/a

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			Where appropriate these services can be billed under item 18276: Paravertebral nerves, injection of an anaesthetic agent, (multiple levels).	
23	Deleted item	39115	<p>Percutaneous neurotomy of posterior divisions (or rami) of spinal nerves by any method, including any associated spinal, epidural or regional nerve block (applicable once in a 30 day period) (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$78.35</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type C PHI Clinical Category: Pain management</p> <p>This is an outdated procedure, there are alternative pain management procedures and relevant MBS items available. Where appropriate these services can be billed under item 39323: Percutaneous denervation (excluding medial branch nerve) by cryotherapy or radiofrequency probe.</p>	n/a

## Changes to implanted device procedure MBS services

MBS Taskforce Rec #	Change	Item	Current Item Descriptor	New Item Descriptor
13	Amended item	14218	<p>Implanted infusion pump, refilling of reservoir with a therapeutic agent or agents for infusion to the subarachnoid or epidural space, with or without reprogramming a programmable pump, for the management of chronic intractable pain</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$101.90</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device</p>	<p>Implanted infusion pump, refilling of reservoir with a therapeutic agent or agents for infusion to the subarachnoid <del>or epidural space</del> <del>or accessing the side port to assess catheter patency</del>, with or without <del>pump</del> reprogramming <del>a programmable pump</del>, for the management of chronic <del>intractable</del> pain, including cancer pain</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$101.90 85% Benefit: \$86.65 75% Benefit: \$76.45</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device</p>
14	Amended item	39125	<p>Intrathecal or epidural spinal catheter, insertion or replacement of, and connection to a subcutaneous implanted infusion pump, for the management of chronic intractable pain (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$310.10</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device</p>	<p><del>Intrathecal or epidural</del> Spinal catheter, insertion or replacement of, and connection to a subcutaneous implanted infusion pump, for the management of chronic <del>intractable</del> pain, including cancer pain (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$310.10 75% Benefit: \$232.60</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device</p>
14	Amended item	39126	<p>All of the following: (a) infusion pump, subcutaneous implantation or replacement of; (b) connection of the pump to an intrathecal or epidural spinal catheter; (c) filling of reservoir with a therapeutic agent or agents; with or without programming the pump, for the management of chronic intractable pain (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$376.55</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device</p>	<p>All of the following: (a) infusion pump, subcutaneous implantation or replacement of; (b) connection of the pump to an <del>intrathecal or epidural</del> spinal catheter; (c) filling of reservoir with a therapeutic agent or agents; with or without programming the pump, for the management of chronic <del>intractable</del> pain, including cancer pain (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$376.55 75% Benefit: \$282.45</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type A surgical PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device</p>

MBS Taskforce Rec #	Change	Item	Current Item Descriptor	New Item Descriptor
14	Amended item	39127	Subcutaneous reservoir and spinal catheter, insertion of, for the management of chronic intractable pain (H) (Anaes.)  MBS Schedule Fee: \$492.85  PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device	Subcutaneous reservoir and spinal catheter, insertion of, for the management of chronic <del>intractable</del> pain, <b>including cancer pain</b> (H) (Anaes.)  MBS Schedule Fee: \$492.85 75% Benefit: \$369.65  PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device
14	Amended item	39128	All of the following: (a) infusion pump, subcutaneous implantation of; (b) intrathecal or epidural spinal catheter, insertion of; (c) connection of pump to catheter; (d) filling of reservoir with a therapeutic agent or agents; with or without programming the pump, for the management of chronic intractable pain (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)  MBS Schedule Fee: \$686.65  PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device	All of the following: (a) infusion pump, subcutaneous implantation of; (b) <del>intrathecal or epidural</del> spinal catheter, insertion of; (c) connection of pump to catheter; (d) filling of reservoir with a therapeutic agent or agents; with or without programming the pump, for the management of chronic <del>intractable</del> pain, <b>including cancer pain</b> (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)  MBS Schedule Fee: \$686.65 75% Benefit: \$515.00  PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical PHI Clinical Category: Pain Management with device
14	Amended item	39133	Either: (a) subcutaneously implanted infusion pump, removal of; or (b) intrathecal or epidural spinal catheter, removal or repositioning of; for the management of chronic intractable pain (H) (Anaes.)  MBS Schedule Fee: \$165.90  PHI Clinical Type: Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device	Either: (a) subcutaneously implanted infusion pump, removal of; or (b) <del>intrathecal or epidural</del> spinal catheter, removal or repositioning of; for the management of chronic <del>intractable</del> pain, <b>including cancer pain</b> (H) (Anaes.)  MBS Schedule Fee: \$165.90 75% Benefit: \$124.45  PHI Procedure Type: Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Pain Management with device

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15	Amended item	39131	<p>Epidural or peripheral nerve electrodes, management, adjustment, and electronic programming of, by a medical practitioner, for the management of chronic intractable neuropathic pain or pain from refractory angina pectoris—each day</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$133.00</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device</p>	<p>Epidural or peripheral nerve electrodes (management, adjustment, <del>and</del> or <del>electronic</del> reprogramming of neurostimulator), <del>by</del> with a medical practitioner attending, for the management of chronic <del>intractable</del> neuropathic pain or pain from refractory angina pectoris—each day</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$133.00 85% Benefit: \$113.05 75% Benefit: \$99.75</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Pain Management with device</p>
15	Amended item	39139	<p>Epidural lead, surgical placement of one or more of by partial or total laminectomy, including intraoperative test stimulation, for the management of chronic intractable neuropathic pain or pain from refractory angina pectoris—to a maximum of 4 leads (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$941.80</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type A Advanced Surgical PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device</p>	<p>Epidural lead, surgical placement of one or more of by partial or total laminectomy, including intraoperative test stimulation, for the management of chronic <del>intractable</del> neuropathic pain or pain from refractory angina pectoris <del>—to a maximum of 4 leads</del> (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$941.80 75% Benefit: \$706.35</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type A Advanced Surgical PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device</p>
15/19	Amended item	39134	<p>Neurostimulator or receiver, subcutaneous placement of, including placement and connection of extension wires to epidural or peripheral nerve electrodes, for the management of chronic intractable neuropathic pain or pain from refractory angina pectoris (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$354.40</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device</p>	<p>Neurostimulator or receiver, subcutaneous placement of, including placement and connection of extension wires to epidural or peripheral nerve electrodes, for the management of chronic <del>intractable</del> neuropathic pain or pain from refractory angina pectoris (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$354.40 75% Benefit: \$265.80</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device</p>

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15/19	Amended item	39135	<p>Neurostimulator or receiver that was inserted for the management of chronic intractable neuropathic pain or pain from refractory angina pectoris, removal of, performed in the operating theatre of a hospital (H) (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$165.90 PHI Procedure Type: Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device</p>	<p>Neurostimulator or receiver that was inserted for the management of chronic <del>intractable</del> neuropathic pain or pain from refractory angina pectoris, <del>open surgical</del> removal of, performed in the operating theatre of a hospital (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$165.90 75% Benefit: \$124.45 PHI Procedure Type: Type B Non-band specific PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device</p>
15/19	Amended item	39136	<p>Epidural or peripheral nerve lead that was inserted for the management of chronic intractable neuropathic pain or pain from refractory angina pectoris, removal of, performed in the operating theatre of a hospital (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$165.90</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device</p>	<p>Epidural or peripheral nerve lead that was <del>inserted</del> <del>implanted</del> for the management of chronic <del>intractable</del> neuropathic pain or pain from refractory angina pectoris, <del>open surgical</del> removal of, performed in the operating theatre of a hospital (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$165.90 75% Benefit: \$124.45 PHI Procedure Type: Unlisted PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device</p>
15/19	Amended item	39137	<p>Epidural or peripheral nerve lead that was inserted for the management of chronic intractable neuropathic pain or pain from refractory angina pectoris, surgical repositioning of, to correct displacement or unsatisfactory positioning, including intraoperative test stimulation, other than a service to which item 39130, 39138 or 39139 applies (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$629.90</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device</p>	<p>Epidural or peripheral nerve lead that was <del>inserted</del> <del>implanted</del> for the management of chronic <del>intractable</del> neuropathic pain or pain from refractory angina pectoris, <del>open surgical</del> repositioning of, to correct displacement or unsatisfactory positioning, including intraoperative test stimulation, other than a service to which item 39130, 39138 or 39139 applies (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$629.90 75% Benefit: \$472.45 PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device</p>



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16	Amended item	39138	<p>Peripheral nerve lead, surgical placement of, including intraoperative test stimulation, for chronic intractable neuropathic pain or pain from refractory angina pectoris—not exceeding 4 leads (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$701.45</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device</p>	<p>Peripheral nerve lead <del>or leads</del>, surgical placement of, including intraoperative test stimulation, for <del>the management of</del> chronic <del>intractable</del> neuropathic pain <del>or pain from refractory angina pectoris—</del> <del>not exceeding 4 leads</del> where the leads are intended to remain in situ long term (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$701.45 75% Benefit: \$526.10</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device</p>
16	New item	39129		<p>Peripheral lead <del>or leads</del>, percutaneous placement of, including intraoperative test stimulation, for the management of chronic neuropathic pain (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$631.30 75% Benefit: \$473.50</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device</p>
16/19	Amended item	39130	<p>Epidural lead, percutaneous placement of, including intraoperative test stimulation, for the management of chronic intractable neuropathic pain or pain from refractory angina pectoris—to a maximum of 4 leads (H) (Anaes.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$ 701.45</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device</p>	<p>Epidural lead <del>or leads</del>, percutaneous placement of, including intraoperative test stimulation, for the management of chronic <del>intractable</del> neuropathic pain or pain from refractory angina pectoris— <del>to a maximum of 4 leads</del> (H) (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>MBS Schedule Fee: \$ 701.45 75% Benefit: \$526.10</p> <p>PHI Procedure Type: Type A Surgical PHI Clinical Category: Pain management with device</p>