



MBS COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Incentive payment

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Commencing 23 December 2021 and available until 30 June 2022, a new temporary Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) item has been made available to support medical practitioners providing vaccine suitability assessment services to patients who require booster vaccinations.

MBS item 93666 is being implemented to provide an incentive payment of \$10 per eligible vaccine suitability assessment service to patients receiving a COVID-19 booster vaccination.

MBS item 93666 will be paid in conjunction with COVID-19 Vaccine Suitability Assessment Service MBS items for second or subsequent doses, namely 93644, 93645, 93646, 93647, 93653, 93654, 93655 and 93656, when a patient receives a third dose or booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. The item will not be paid for patients receiving a second dose.

MBS item 93666 will be payable in conjunction with MBS item 90005 (flag fall service) if the above eligibility condition is met and the vaccine suitability assessment service is delivered to a patient at an eligible location outside consulting rooms.

How will the changes be monitored and reviewed?

The Department of Health will monitor the use of the new MBS item by medical practitioners. Use of the item that does not seem to be in accordance with the relevant Medicare guidelines and legislation will be actioned appropriately.

Where can I find more information?

COVID-19 National Health Plan resources for the general public, health professionals and industry are available from the [Australian Government Department of Health website](#).

The item descriptor and information on other changes to the MBS can be found on the MBS Online website at www.mbsonline.gov.au. You can also subscribe to future MBS updates by visiting [MBS Online](#) and clicking 'Subscribe'.

The Department of Health provides an email advice service for providers seeking advice on interpretation of the MBS items and rules and the Health Insurance Act and associated regulations. If you have a query relating exclusively to interpretation of the Schedule, you should email askMBS@health.gov.au.

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