



Changes to MBS items for Blood Products

Last updated: 07 October 2020

This change is effective from 1 November 2020.

Procedure: Transfusion of blood

Item 13703

Service: Transfusion of blood, including collection from donor, when used for intra-operative normovolaemic haemodilution.

MBS fee: \$123.20 (no change).

Benefit: 75% = \$92.40; 85% = \$104.75

Procedure: In vitro processing and cryopreservation of bone marrow or peripheral blood

Item 13760

Service: In vitro processing with cryopreservation of bone marrow or peripheral blood, for autologous stem cell transplantation for a patient receiving high-dose chemotherapy for management of:

(a) aggressive malignancy; or

(b) malignancy that has proven refractory to prior treatment.

MBS fee: \$786.40 (no change)

Benefit: 75% = \$589.80; 85% = \$701.70

Procedure: Collection of blood for autologous transfusion.

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Service: COLLECTION OF BLOOD for autologous transfusion or when homologous blood is required for immediate transfusion in emergency situation.



Where can I find more information?

The full item descriptor(s) and information on other changes to the MBS can be found on the [MBS Online website](#). 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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The data file for software vendors is expected to become available on [date] and can be accessed via the MBS Online website under the [Downloads](#) page.

Please note that the information provided is a general guide only. It is ultimately the responsibility of treating practitioners to use their professional judgment to determine the most clinically appropriate services to provide, and then to ensure that any services billed to Medicare fully meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the legislation.

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