



# New item for percutaneous transcatheter delivery of a dual filter Cerebral Embolic Protection Device (CEP)

Date of change: 1 July 2022

New item: **38523**

## What are the changes?

- One new Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) item (38523) will be introduced on 1 July 2022 for transcatheter insertion of a dual-filter (multi-filter) cerebral embolic protection (CEP) device when a patient is undergoing the insertion of a transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI) implant.
- The new CEP device may be used for patients in all risk categories for the primary TAVI procedure.
- This change is relevant to interventional cardiologists and cardiothoracic surgeons with relevant training in TAVI implant insertion, or for e.g. vascular surgeons that may insert the CEP device in preparation for a TAVI procedure.
- The final recommendation to list this service by the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) occurred in July 2021 and was approved by Government for funding on the MBS in the 2022-23 Budget. Further details about MSAC applications can be found under [MSAC Applications](#) on the MSAC website ([www.msac.gov.au](http://www.msac.gov.au)).

## Patient impacts

- These changes reflect modern clinical practice and will enable patients to receive a Medicare rebate for the new CEP device (38523) when clinically appropriate.
- The CEP device will reduce the number of TAVI related cerebrovascular accidents (CVA's/stroke), therefore improving health outcomes.
- The addition of this new CEP item will also provide access to an additional adjunct service that will improve the safety and long-term clinical outcomes for primary TAVI procedures.



## Restrictions or requirements

- This service (item 38523) is available for all risk categories for the primary TAVI procedure as an adjunct service only.
- The service associated with item 38523 can only be claimed when the CEP device has been inserted by the primary TAVI practitioner or a third party provider (e.g. interventional cardiologist, vascular surgeon) in preparation for the insertion of a TAVI implant.
- Where the service associated with item 38523 is provided by the primary TAVI practitioner (claiming item 38495, 38514 or 38522) the service includes all intraoperative diagnostic imaging that the TAVI Practitioner performs upon the TAVI Patient.
- Where the service associated with item 38523 is provided by a third party provider e.g. vascular surgeon, the associated imaging is claimable.

## New item 38523 – Percutaneous transcatheter delivery of dual-filter cerebral embolic protection (CEP) system during TAVI

**Overview:** This item introduces a new service for transcatheter insertion of a dual-filter (multi-filter) cerebral embolic protection (CEP) device when a patient is undergoing the insertion of a TAVI implant.

### Service/Descriptor:

Percutaneous transcatheter delivery of dual-filter cerebral embolic protection system during a TAVI procedure, for the reduction of postoperative embolic ischaemic strokes, if:

- (a) the service is performed upon a TAVI Patient in a TAVI Hospital; and
- (b) where the service is performed by the practitioner performing the TAVI procedure, the service includes all intraoperative diagnostic imaging that the TAVI Practitioner performs upon the TAVI Patient

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**MBS fee:** \$275.20

**Benefit:** 75% = \$206.40

### Private Health Insurance Classifications:

**Clinical Category:** Heart and Vascular System

**Procedure Type:** Type A Surgical



## Where can I find more information?

For questions relating to implementation, or to the interpretation of the CEP item prior to 1 July 2022, please email [cardiacservices@health.gov.au](mailto:cardiacservices@health.gov.au).

For questions regarding the proposed private health insurance 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 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](mailto:askMBS).

If you are seeking advice in relation to Medicare billing, claiming, payments, or obtaining a provider number, please go to the ['Health Professionals'](#) page on the Services Australia website or contact Services Australia on the Provider Enquiry Line – 13 21 50.

The data file for software vendors can be accessed via the MBS Online website under the [Downloads](#) page.

To view previous item descriptors and deleted items, visit MBS Online at [www.mbsonline.gov.au](http://www.mbsonline.gov.au), navigate to 'Downloads' and then select the relevant time period at the bottom of the page. The old items can then be viewed by downloading the MBS files published in the month before implementation of the changes

*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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