



New MBS Item 32230 for Endoscopic Mucosal Resection (EMR)

Last updated: 27 September 2021

- From 1 November 2021, a new item for endoscopic mucosal resection will be available on the MBS.
- This change is relevant to specialist gastroenterologists and surgical endoscopists.

What are the changes?

From 1 November 2021:

- A new MBS item 32230 for endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR) will be available for patients with large (≥ 25 mm) sessile or flat colorectal polyps.

Why are the changes being made?

The listing of an item for EMR was recommended by the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) in July 2020.

EMR is currently performed as standard care in public hospitals and has previously been claimed on the MBS as a combination of colonoscopy and polypectomy (items 32222-32226, 32228 and 32229).

The change will provide for EMR as a standalone procedure and improve access to a safe and effective treatment. It is expected to reduce the proportion of patients, affected by colorectal polyps, who require surgery.

Further details about MSAC applications can be found on the MSAC website (www.msac.gov.au - search under [MSAC Applications](#)).

What does this mean for providers?

Specialist gastroenterologists and surgical endoscopists will now be able to perform EMR as a standalone procedure for patients with large (≥ 25 mm) sessile or flat colorectal polyps.

How will these changes affect patients?

Eligible patients will receive Medicare rebates for a service that is clinically appropriate and reflects modern clinical practice.

Who was consulted on the changes?

A number of peak bodies were contacted during the targeted MSAC consultation process. The Department has also consulted with relevant stakeholders, including the Gastroenterological Society of Australia (GESA) and the Australian Medical Association (AMA).



How will the changes be monitored and reviewed?

MBS item 32230 will be subject to compliance processes and activities, including random and targeted audits which may require a provider to submit evidence about the services claimed.

MBS item 32230 will be reviewed approximately 24 months post-implementation.

Item Descriptor

32230	<p>Endoscopic mucosal resection using electrocautery of a non-invasive sessile or flat superficial colorectal neoplasm which is at least 25mm in diameter, if the service is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) provided by a specialist gastroenterologist or surgical endoscopist; and(b) supported by photographic evidence to confirm the size of the polyp in situ, and(c) performed in association with a service to which item 32222, 32223, 32224, 32225, 32226 or 32228 applies. <p>Applicable only once per polyp (H) (Anaes.)</p> <p>Fee: \$695.25 Benefit: 75% = \$521.45</p>
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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 at www.mbsonline.gov.au. You can also subscribe to future MBS updates by visiting [MBS Online](#) and clicking 'Subscribe'.

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The data file for software vendors will be available 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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