



# INFORMATION SHEET

## Cleft and Craniofacial Services

### Patient Eligibility

The Department of Health and Aged Care has made changes to Category 7 MBS items for Cleft and Craniofacial Services (previously the Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate Scheme).

Under the *Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Cleft and Craniofacial Services) Determination 2024*, the following table shows eligible conditions under Category 7 MBS items:

<b>Eligible cleft or craniofacial conditions</b>	
<b>1. Oral and/or facial clefting</b>	
<i>Limited to</i>	Cleft lip, alveolus and/or palate
	Tessier facial cleft
<b>2. Congenital or hereditary craniofacial malformation, deformation, or disruption</b>	
<i>Limited to</i>	Achondroplasia
	Branchial arch disorders including: Hemifacial/craniofacial microsomia, Goldenhar syndrome, DiGeorge syndrome, Velocardiofacial syndrome, Auriculo-condylar syndrome
	CHARGE syndrome
	Congenital hemifacial hyperplasia
	Congenital lymphatic and/or vascular malformations of the head & neck, cystic hygroma, Sturge-Weber syndrome, excluding haemangiomas, birthmarks, and naevi.
	Craniofacial Neurofibromatosis Type 1
	Craniometaphyseal dysplasia
	Congenital lymphatic and vascular malformations and segmental haemangiomas involving the jaws and associated soft tissues including cystic hygroma and Sturge-Weber syndrome.
	Ectodermal dysplasia
	Hemifacial atrophy (Parry Romberg syndrome)
	Mandibulofacial dysostosis (Treacher Collins syndrome)
	Maxillonasal dysplasia (Binder syndrome)
	Oral-facial digital syndrome Type 1
	Osteogenesis imperfecta
	Pierre Robin sequence
	Rubinstein-Taybi syndrome
	Shprintzen-Goldberg syndrome
	Solitary median maxillary central incisor syndrome
	Stickler syndrome
	Syndromic craniosynostoses including: Apert, Crouzon, Pfeiffer, Saethre Chotzen, and Muenke syndromes

	Trichorhinophalangeal syndrome Type 1
<b>3. Hereditary conditions</b> presenting with the absence of 6 (six) or more permanent teeth, excluding 3 <sup>rd</sup> molars	
<b>4. Hereditary conditions</b> where the presence of supernumerary teeth is a major feature	
<i>Limited to</i>	Cleidocranial dysplasia
	Gardner's syndrome
<b>5. Development or Hereditary conditions</b> affecting the formation of enamel and/or dentine of all teeth	
<i>Limited to</i>	Amelogenesis imperfecta
	Dentinogenesis imperfecta
	Regional odontodysplasia

The changes expand the previous list of eligible conditions by including:

- Auriculo-condylar syndrome
- Osteogenesis imperfecta

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact AskMBS on [askMBS@health.gov.au](mailto:askMBS@health.gov.au).

If you require assistance regarding claiming for these conditions, please contact Services Australia on 132 150.

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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