



Quick Reference Guide:

New items for remote monitoring of cardiac implantable loop recorder devices

Date of change: 1 November 2022

New items: 11736 11737

Revised structure

- From 1 November 2022, two new Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items (11736 and 11737) will be introduced for remote monitoring of cardiac implantable loop recorder (ILR) devices.
- These new items will mirror the current in rooms services MBS items 11728 and 11731, but allow remote services to be performed.
- The final recommendation to list this service by the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) occurred in September 2021 and was approved 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](#).

Patient impacts

- These changes reflect modern clinical practice and will enable patients to receive a Medicare rebate for the new remote cardiac ILR services (11736 and 11737) when clinically appropriate.
- These new items will provide patients with greater access by removing the need for patients to attend (in rooms) when clinically appropriate.
- These new services will provide patients in regional, rural, and remote locations greater access to diagnostic cardiac monitoring and improve timeframes for urgent treatment when clinically required.

Restrictions or requirements

- Providers will need to familiarise themselves with the new MBS items and any associated rules and/or explanatory notes. Providers have a responsibility to ensure that any services they bill to Medicare fully meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the legislation.
- It is not permissible to co-claim a professional attendance item (including telehealth items in a telehealth eligible area) with items 11736 or 11737 when providing remote monitoring (including reprogramming (if required), retrieval of stored data, analysis, interpretation, and reporting). Except when, in addition the medical practitioner evaluates the patient's health-related issue or issues, using certain health screening services if applicable; formulates a management plan in relation to one or more health-related issues for the patient; provides advice to the patient and/or relatives (if authorised by the patient); provides appropriate preventive health care; and records the clinical detail of the service(s) provided to the patient.

New item 11736 – Implanted loop recording via remote monitoring, for the investigation of atrial fibrillation

Overview: This item introduces a new service for remote monitoring of an implanted loop recorder for the investigation of atrial fibrillation if the patient to whom the service is provided has been diagnosed as having had an embolic stroke of undetermined source. This item also includes reprogramming if required, retrieval of stored data, analysis, interpretation, and report.

Service/Descriptor:

Implanted loop recording via remote monitoring (including reprogramming (if required), retrieval of stored data, analysis, interpretation and report), for the investigation of atrial fibrillation, if the service:

- (a) is provided to a patient who has been diagnosed as having had an embolic stroke of undetermined source; and
- (b) is not a service to which item 38288 applies

Applicable not more than 4 times in any 12-month period

MBS fee: \$36.75

Benefit: 75% = \$27.56 85% = \$31.24

Private Health Insurance Classifications:

Clinical Category: Support List (DI)

Procedure Type: Type C

New item 11737 – Implanted electrocardiogram loop recording via remote monitoring by a medical practitioner

Overview: This item introduces a new service for implanted electrocardiogram loop recording via remote monitoring, by a medical practitioner for investigation of a patient with cryptogenic stroke or recurrent unexplained syncope. This item also includes reprogramming if required, retrieval of stored data, analysis, interpretation and report by a medical practitioner.

Service/Descriptor:

Implanted electrocardiogram loop recording via remote monitoring (including reprogramming (if required), retrieval of stored data, analysis, interpretation and report), by a medical practitioner, if the service is:

- (a) an investigation for a patient with:
 - (i) cryptogenic stroke; or
 - (ii) recurrent unexplained syncope; and
- (b) not a service to which item 38285 applies

Applicable only once in any 4-week period

MBS fee: \$36.75

Benefit: 75% = \$27.56 85% = \$31.24

Private Health Insurance Classifications:

Clinical Category: Support List (DI)

Procedure Type: Type C

To view previous item descriptors and deleted items, visit MBS Online at 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.

This sheet is current as of the Last updated date shown above and does not account for MBS changes since that date.

New item descriptors (to take effect 1 November 2022)

Item	Descriptor
11736	<p>Implanted loop recording via remote monitoring (including reprogramming (if required), retrieval of stored data, analysis, interpretation and report), for the investigation of atrial fibrillation, if the service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) is provided to a patient who has been diagnosed as having had an embolic stroke of undetermined source; and (b) is not a service to which item 38288 applies <p>Applicable not more than 4 times in any 12-month period</p>
11737	<p>Implanted electrocardiogram loop recording via remote monitoring (including reprogramming (if required), retrieval of stored data, analysis, interpretation and report), by a medical practitioner, if the service is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) an investigation for a patient with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) cryptogenic stroke; or (ii) recurrent unexplained syncope; and (b) not a service to which item 38285 applies <p>Applicable only once in any 4-week period</p>