



MBS Review Advisory Committee

Communique – Meeting 14

The Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Review Advisory Committee (MRAC) is an independent, clinician and consumer-led, non-statutory committee established to advise government on publicly funded services listed on the MBS. The committee supports the MBS Continuous Review to ensure the MBS is contemporary, sustainable, evidence based and supports universal access to high value care for all Australians.

MRAC Working Groups

MRAC working groups may be established to conduct reviews and typically consist of a subset of MRAC members and where required, external subject matter experts.

Findings and recommendations from MRAC working groups are subject to extensive consultation processes prior to MRAC consideration and finalisation. Following completion of a review, MRAC recommendations are submitted to Government for consideration.

Final reports from complete MRAC reviews are available on the [MRAC webpage](#).

MRAC Meeting 14 Outcomes – 4 March 2025

The committee meets quarterly, and most recently met on 4 March 2025. At this meeting, the MRAC endorsed revised [Terms of Reference](#). The revised version can be viewed <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/medicare-benefits-schedule-review-advisory-committee-terms-of-reference>.

Current reviews

Review of Vascular Interventional Radiology items

The Vascular Interventional Radiology (VIR) Working Group was established to conduct a review of Vascular Interventional Radiology items. The Department referred this review to the committee following the MBS Review Taskforce review of vascular items, and further consultation with the sector.

The VIR Working Group has held seven meetings to date.

A six-week public consultation process on a draft report is expected to take place in mid to late 2025.

Review of Long-acting Reversible Contraceptives

The MRAC commenced a phased review of Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARC) in June 2024 and following targeted consultation, the MRAC finalised phase one and provided recommendations to government.



The MRAC recommendations relating to phase one informed the recent government announcement of increased fees for LARC items, introduction of new LARC administration items for Nurse Practitioners, and introduction of loading items that will incentivise general practitioners and specialists to deliver LARC insertion and removal services at no cost to the patient.

Phase two of the LARC review is underway and will include targeted and public consultation.

Review of MBS time-tiered items for primary care

The Time-Tiered Working Group was established to undertake the review of MBS time-tiered items for primary care. The review will consider issues such as item consistency, opportunities to streamline, and whether the current time-tiers to appropriately support contemporary clinical practice.

The Working Group has met on three occasions, most recently on 24 and 25 February 2025. Consultation on a draft report is expected to commence towards the end of 2025.

Review of Allied Health Services accessible under MBS Chronic Disease Management Arrangements

The MRAC has commenced a review of allied health services accessible under MBS Chronic Disease Management Arrangements. The Allied Health CDM review will assess the effectiveness of MBS items that support allied health chronic disease management and determine whether they could be improved to better support eligible patients to improve clinical outcomes.

The working group has met on three occasions and will next convene on 8 May 2025. Targeted and public consultations processes will be undertaken to inform the review.

Next meeting

The MRAC will meet next on 3 - 4 June 2025.