

### Breakdown of MBS service volumes for Surgical Termination

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#### MBS Item 16530

Item start date: 1 November 2017

Management of pregnancy loss, from 14 weeks to 15 weeks and 6 days gestation, other than a service to which item 16531, 35640 or 35643 applies. (Anaes.)

Fee: \$384.35 Benefit: 75% = \$288.30 85% = \$326.7

	1 Nov 2017 – 1 Nov 2018								Total Services
	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	ACT	NT	
16530	181	147	114	6	55	10	10	3	526
Benefits:	\$53,162	\$42,415	\$32,866	\$1,730	\$15,857	\$2,883	\$2,921	\$903	\$152,737

#### MBS Item 16531

Item start date: 1 November 2017

Management of pregnancy loss, from 16 weeks to 22 weeks and 6 days gestation, other than a service to which item 16530, 35640 or 35643 applies. (Anaes.)

Fee: \$768.70 Benefit: 75% = \$576.55

	1 Nov 2017 – 1 Nov 2018								Total Services
	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	ACT	NT	
16531	140	172	144	26	55	19	4	8	568
Benefits:	\$80,717	\$99,167	\$83,023	\$14,990	\$31,710	\$10,954	\$2,306	\$4,612	\$327,480

#### MBS Item 35643

Item start date: 1 December 1991

Evacuation of the contents of the gravid uterus by curettage or suction curettage other than a service to which item 35640 applies, including procedures to which item 35626, 35627 or 35630 applies, if performed. (Anaes.)

Fee: \$218.00 Benefit: 75% = \$163.50 85% = \$185.30

		Usage by State and Territory					Total
		NSW/ACT	VIC/TAS	QLD	SA/NT	WA	
35643	2015	21,789	14,072	10,614	770	6,744	53,989
	2016	20,077	12,684	10,403	705	5,131	49,000
	2017	19,344	11,910	9,382	639	4,788	46,063
	Jan-Oct 2018	15,226	9,429	4,982	459	3,600	35,897
	Total	71,975	45,336	35,381	2,440	19,162	174,294

		Benefits by State and Territory					Total
		NSW/ACT	VIC/TAS	QLD	SA/NT	WA	
35643	2015	\$3,892,607	\$2,319,449	\$1,759,782	\$127,711	\$1,182,965	\$9,282,513
	2016	\$3,605,572	\$2,099,832	\$1,719,380	\$116,818	\$908,375	\$8,449,977
	2017	\$3,461,676	\$1,964,530	\$1,550,198	\$106,345	\$845,179	\$7,927,928
	Jan-Oct 2018	\$2,719,008	\$1,547,393	\$1,184,931	\$75,137	\$634,663	\$6,161,131

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## KEY POINTS

- There are Medical Benefits Schedule (MBS) items that could be used for surgical terminations and consultation items related to the management of medical termination.

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- MBS benefits are payable for clinically relevant services but services must also comply with state and territory legislation in the state or territory in which the service is provided.
- Access to termination services is a state and territory responsibility and the Australian Government has no constitutional powers in this area. The laws relating to pregnancy termination vary by jurisdiction.

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## COMMONWEALTH FUNDING AND REGULATION

- The Australian Government is committed to ensuring that all Australians are able to access timely and affordable health care by providing Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) rebates for clinically necessary medical treatments.
- There are three Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items (item 16530, item 16531, and item 35643) which could be used to provide rebates for the surgical termination of pregnancy.
- These items are not specific to pregnancy termination and may be used for procedures to the uterus when performed for a range of other reasons, including miscarriage.

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- There are no specific Medicare services for a doctor to manage the administration of such medication, however it is likely that general MBS consultation items would be used before and after the patient is administered the drug.

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