

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

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BACKGROUND

- 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. **Items 16530 and 16531 would mainly be claimed for the management of patients who have had a spontaneous abortion or miscarriage. Item 35643 may be claimed for an induced abortion but may also be used to evacuate the products of conception following miscarriage or after foetal death in utero.**

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MBS service volumes for items which could be used for Surgical Termination

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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
	2018	18,061	11,147	8,609	544	4,268	42,629
	2019 Jan - May	7,428	4,233	3,615	231	1,716	17,223
	Total	86,699	54,046	42,623	2,889	22,647	208,904

		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
	2018	\$3,226,056	\$1,828,356	\$1,420,578	\$89,189	\$751,564	\$7,315,744
	2019 Jan - May	\$1,322,700	\$694,118	\$595,741	\$37,960	\$302,530	\$2,953,051

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 June 2018 – 1 June 2019								Total Services
	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	ACT	NT	
16530	184	143	135	10	65	7	16	0	560
Benefits:	\$54,634	\$41,265	\$39,145	\$2,883	\$18,739	\$2,018	\$4,612	\$6	\$163,303

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 June 2018 – 1 June 2019								Total Services
	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	ACT	NT	
16531	193	163	175	30	50	17	11	4	643
Benefits :	\$111,262	\$93,977	\$100,859	\$17,296	\$28,827	\$9,801	\$6.353	\$2,343	\$370,721

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