



Electrocardiogram Review Committee

Terms of reference

12 May 2021

The Electrocardiogram (ECG) Review Committee was established in March 2021 to review the plain ECG items introduced on 1 August 2020, following recommendations from the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Review Taskforce.

The terms of reference will support and inform the deliberations of the independent ECG Review Committee.

Purpose

The committee is tasked to undertake a review of the ECG MBS item 11707 relative to other ECG MBS items (11704, 11705, 11714).

Objectives of the Committee

The committee will consider the impact of the 1 August 2020 ECG changes general ECG items 11704, 11705, 11707, and 11714, including patient health outcomes and patient access to ECG services. This does not include in-hospital claiming of these services.

The committee will consider and provide advice about difference in fees for GPs and specialists for the same ECG service, that is item 11707 with reference to item 11714.

To consider the patient rebates for the general ECG items, noting that MBS rebates may not necessarily cover the entire cost of a service.

At the conclusion of the review the committee will submit a final report, including recommendations, to the Minister for consideration.

Out of scope

Reconsider or revisit recommendations, outside of the ECG items, that were made by the MBS Review Taskforce or overturn decisions made by the Government.