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# MEDICARE BENEFITS SCHEDULE

COMPARATIVE REVIEW OF RADIOLOGY REBATES  
IN 1998 & 2017

This booklet has been produced by the Australian Diagnostic Imaging Association (ADIA) to illustrate the variation in Medicare Benefits offered on radiology services between 1998 and 2017.

The following pages are a representation of where rebates sit for all radiology items in the Medicare Benefits Schedule, and how they have been affected positively, negatively or otherwise since rebates were frozen in 1998.

It is important to note that of all these items, only 7% will be indexed under the 2017 Federal Budget, and even then, indexation will not commence until 2020.

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## **ACCESS TO RADIOLOGY IS A BARRIER TO PRIMARY CARE**

Access to primary health care is crucial to every Australian. However, of all the primary care services, radiology is by far the hardest to access – with the highest upfront cost, the highest patient gaps and the lowest bulk billing rate:

	<b>Radiology</b>	<b>General Practice</b>	<b>Pathology</b>
Average upfront cost	\$217	\$78	\$50
Average gap	\$97	\$33	\$25
Bulk billing rate	77%	84%	88%

Source: ADIA analysis of 2015-16 Medicare statistics

And the Turnbull Government is making it worse by breaking its commitment to end the 19-year freeze on patient rebates for radiology.

Radiology saves lives through early diagnosis and better treatment, which reduces the strain on our hospitals. All Australians need access to it, not just those who can afford it.

## **RADIOLOGY USE IN AUSTRALIA**

This year, more than nine million Australians will access 24 million individual radiology services—including x-ray, ultrasound, CT, nuclear medicine and MRI scans—on the recommendation of their GP or specialist.

Approximately 300,000 patients will forego being diagnosed at all because of the high cost of radiology services due to Medicare underfunding.

### **WHETHER DELAYED HAVING OR DID NOT HAVE IMAGING TEST BECAUSE OF COST IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS<sup>5</sup>**

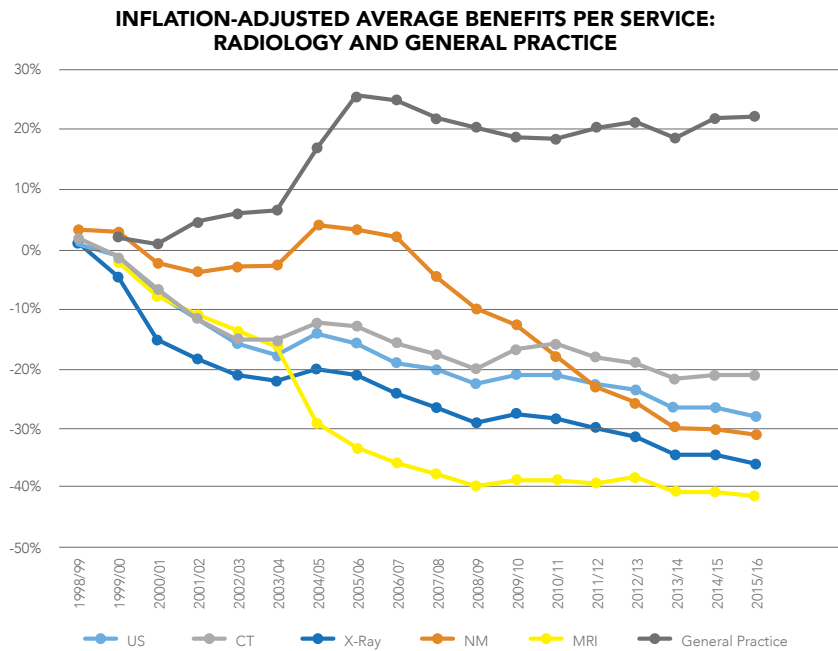
	<b>15-34</b>	<b>35-64</b>	<b>65+</b>	<b>Total</b>
Delayed having or did not have imaging test because of cost	96,200 (4.6%)	156,300 (4.4%)	22,400 (1.3%)	277,300 (3.8%)

“...average rebates per radiology service have fallen...”

## PATIENT REBATES FOR RADIOLOGY SERVICES ARE FROZEN

Unlike nearly every other area of medical practice covered under Medicare, patient rebates (often also referred to as benefits) for radiology services have not been cost indexed.

For example, average rebates per radiology service have fallen by between 21 percent (CT) and 41 percent (MRI) in real terms, compared to average rebates for GP services which increased by 22 percent over the same period.



“...a total shortfall of \$570 million across all Medicare-funded services...”

## SHORTFALL BETWEEN REBATES AND COSTS

Radiology practices across the country are doing their best to keep quality services available and affordable. However, just like every other business, their running costs – such as labor, rent, electricity, medical products and technologies – continue to grow.

Access Economics found that the shortfall between Medicare rebates and the cost of providing services was \$33 per service in 2008-09; this was a total shortfall of \$570 million across all Medicare-funded services.

The shortfall is likely to be higher today because costs continue to rise while rebates remain flat.

“...the average gap is likely to exceed \$100...”

**AVERAGE PATIENT GAPS HAVE INCREASED**

Since the introduction of the rebate freeze, average patient gaps (the amount that patients have to pay to cover the fee charged for the radiology service) have increased significantly.

Patients paid an average gap of \$97.34 on 5.6 million services in 2015-16. On current growth trends (average yearly growth above 5 percent), the average gap is likely to exceed \$100 during this financial year

<b>AVERAGE GAPS BY MODALITY (2015-16)</b>					
	<b>Ultrasound</b>	<b>CT</b>	<b>X-ray</b>	<b>NM</b>	<b>MRI</b>
Average gap	\$105.68	\$149.84	\$52.48	\$104.96	\$183.97
Privately billed services (m)	2.6	0.5	2.2	0.1	0.2
Average yearly growth since 2007-08	5.4%	4.9%	5.7%	1.4%	4.8%

Source: ADIA analysis of statistics provided by the Department of Health

**BULK BILLED SERVICES**

In 2009, in recognition of the need for additional funding for radiology services, the Federal Government introduced a bulk billing incentive for radiology services. Under this arrangement, the Medicare rebate is increased by up to 10% when the service is bulk billed.

However, Access Economics reported that even with the 10% bulk billing increase, on average, patient rebates were estimated to meet only 79% of the cost of a service (2010-11).

Patients who are bulk billed should be aware that, unless rebates come close to reflecting real costs, practices may not be able to keep offering bulk-billed services.

**COMPARISON OF REBATES IN 1998 WITH REBATES IN 2007**

The diagnostic imaging items in the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) are listed on the following pages alongside the rebate (benefit) applicable in 1998 and 2017. The actual growth or decline in the rebate is calculated.

**ONLY 7% OF ITEMS ARE TO BE INDEXED FROM 2020**

These items are highlighted in blue on the following pages.

Patients that will not benefit from this indexation include those needing services for diagnosis, treatment and monitoring for: breast cancer, ovarian cancer, testicular cancer, cervical cancer, liver cancer, multiple sclerosis, lymphoma, bone cancer, thyroid cancer, melanoma, lung cancer, laryngeal cancer, colorectal cancer, oesophageal cancer, pancreatitis, gallstones, pneumonia, rheumatoid arthritis, deep vein thrombosis, and many more.

ADIA anticipates that patient gaps will double again over the next ten years unless all radiology services are indexed.

ITEM NUM	DESCRIPTION	MEDICARE BENEFIT 2017	MEDICARE BENEFIT 1998	19 YEAR \$ VARIATION IN MEDICARE BENEFIT	19 YEAR % VARIATION IN MEDICARE BENEFIT
<b>ULTRASOUND</b>					
55028	Ultrasound - head	\$92.75	\$86.70	\$6.05	7%
55030	Ultrasound - orbital contents	\$92.75	\$86.70	\$6.05	7%
55032	Ultrasound - neck	\$92.75	\$86.70	\$6.05	7%
55036	Ultrasound - abdomen	\$94.65	\$86.70	\$7.95	9%
55038	Ultrasound - urinary tract	\$92.75	\$86.70	\$6.05	7%
55048	Ultrasound - scrotum	\$93.10	\$87.00	\$6.10	7%
55054	Ultrasound - interventional procedure	\$92.75	\$86.70	\$6.05	7%
55065	Ultrasound - pelvis	\$83.55	\$86.70	-\$3.15	-4%
55070	Ultrasound - one breast	\$83.55	\$86.70	-\$3.15	-4%
55076	Ultrasound - both breasts	\$92.75	\$86.70	\$6.05	7%
55084	Ultrasound - urinary bladder	\$83.55	N/A	-	-
55113	ECG - cardiac failure, ventricular hypertrophy, or chest pain	\$196.10	\$223.50	-\$27.40	-12%
55114	ECG - valvular, aortic, pericardial, thrombotic or embolic disease, or heart tumour	\$196.10	\$223.50	-\$27.40	-12%
55115	ECG - congenital heart disease	\$196.10	\$223.50	-\$27.40	-12%
55116	ECG - exercise stress	\$222.45	N/A	-	-
55117	ECG - pharmacological stress	\$222.45	N/A	-	-
55118	Transoesophageal examination of heart	\$234.20	\$223.00	\$11.20	5%
55130	Intra-operative transoesophageal ECG during cardiac surgery	\$144.50	\$329.40	-\$184.90	-56%
55135	Intra-operative transoesophageal ECG during cardiac valve surgery	\$300.60	\$329.40	-\$28.80	-9%
55238	Ultrasound - unilateral duplex scanning of arteries or bypass grafts in lower limb	\$144.10	\$147.00	-\$2.90	-2%
55244	Ultrasound - unilateral duplex scanning of veins in lower limb for acute venous thrombosis	\$144.10	\$147.00	-\$2.90	-2%
55246	Ultrasound - unilateral duplex scanning of veins in lower limb for chronic venous disease	\$144.10	\$147.00	-\$2.90	-2%

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55248	Ultrasound - unilateral duplex scanning of arteries or bypass grafts in upper limb	\$144.10	\$147.00	-\$2.90	-2%
55252	Ultrasound - unilateral duplex scanning of veins in upper limb	\$144.10	\$147.00	-\$2.90	-2%
55274	Ultrasound - duplex scanning of extra-cranial bilateral carotid and vertebral vessels	\$144.10	\$147.00	-\$2.90	-2%
55276	Ultrasound - duplex scanning of intra-abdominal, aorta and iliac arteries	\$144.10	\$147.00	-\$2.90	-2%
55278	Ultrasound - duplex scanning of renal or visceral vessels	\$144.10	\$147.00	-\$2.90	-2%
55280	Ultrasound - duplex scanning of intra-cranial vessels	\$144.10	\$147.00	-\$2.90	-2%
55282	Ultrasound - duplex scanning of cavernosal artery of the penis	\$144.10	\$147.00	-\$2.90	-2%
55284	Ultrasound - duplex scanning of cavernosal artery of the penis to confirm a diagnosis and assess management	\$144.10	\$147.00	-\$2.90	-2%
55292	Ultrasound - duplex scanning of surgically created arteriovenous fistula	\$144.10	N/A	-	-
55294	Ultrasound - duplex scanning of arteries and veins for mapping of bypass conduit	\$144.10	N/A	-	-
55296	Ultrasound - duplex scanning for marking of veins prior to varicose vein surgery	\$94.40	N/A	-	-
55600	Ultrasound - prostate, bladder base and urethra	\$92.75	\$86.70	\$6.05	7%
55603	Ultrasound - prostate, bladder base and urethra	\$92.75	\$86.70	\$6.05	7%
55700	Ultrasound - pregnancy scan (less than 12 weeks)	\$51.00	\$86.70	-\$35.70	-41%
55704	Ultrasound - pregnancy scan (12-16 weeks)	\$59.50	\$86.70	-\$27.20	-31%
55706	Ultrasound - pregnancy scan (17-22 weeks)	\$85.00	\$86.70	-\$1.70	-2%
55707	Ultrasound - nuchal translucency scan	\$59.50	\$86.70	-\$27.20	-31%
55710	Ultrasound - pregnancy scan, conditions present (12-16 weeks)	\$29.75	\$86.70	-\$56.95	-66%
55712	Ultrasound - pregnancy scan, further examination (17-22 weeks)	\$97.75	\$86.70	\$11.05	13%
55718	Ultrasound - pregnancy scan, conditions present (after 22 weeks)	\$85.00	\$86.70	-\$1.70	-2%

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55721	Ultrasound - pregnancy scan, further examination (after 22 weeks)	\$97.75	\$86.70	\$11.05	13%
55729	Duplex scanning, pregnancy (after 24 weeks)	\$23.20	\$86.70	-\$63.50	-73%
55736	Ultrasound - pelvis, with saline infusion of the endometrial cavity	\$107.95	\$86.70	\$21.25	25%
55759	Ultrasound - multiple pregnancy scan (17-22 weeks)	\$127.50	\$86.70	\$40.80	47%
55764	Ultrasound - multiple pregnancy scan, further examination (17-22 weeks)	\$136.00	\$86.70	\$49.30	57%
55768	Ultrasound - multiple pregnancy scan (after 22 weeks)	\$127.50	\$86.70	\$40.80	47%
55772	Ultrasound - multiple pregnancy scan, further examination (after 22 weeks)	\$136.00	\$86.70	\$49.30	57%
55800	Ultrasound - hand or wrist	\$92.75	\$86.70	\$6.05	7%
55804	Ultrasound - forearm or elbow	\$92.75	\$86.70	\$6.05	7%
55808	Ultrasound - shoulder or upper arm	\$92.75	\$86.70	\$6.05	7%
55812	Ultrasound - chest or abdominal wall	\$92.75	\$86.30	\$6.45	7%
55816	Ultrasound - hip or groin	\$92.75	\$86.70	\$6.05	7%
55820	Ultrasound - paediatric hip examination for dysplasia	\$92.75	\$86.700	\$6.05	7%
55824	Ultrasound - buttock or thigh	\$92.75	\$86.70	\$6.05	7%
55828	Ultrasound - knee	\$92.75	\$86.70	\$6.05	7%
55832	Ultrasound - lower leg	\$92.75	\$86.70	\$6.05	7%
55836	Ultrasound - ankle or hind foot	\$92.75	\$86.70	\$6.05	7%
55840	Ultrasound - mid foot or fore foot	\$92.75	\$86.70	\$6.05	7%
55844	Ultrasound - assessment of mass in skin or subcutaneous structures	\$74.25	N/A	-	-
55848	Ultrasound - musculoskeletal interventional procedure	\$92.75	\$86.70	\$6.05	7%
55850	Ultrasound - musculoskeletal interventional procedure and diagnostic scan	\$129.95	N/A	-	-
55852	Ultrasound - paediatric spine, spinal cord and overlying subcutaneous tissues	\$92.75	\$86.70	\$6.05	7%
<b>COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY</b>					
56001	CT - brain	\$165.80	\$171.25	-\$5.45	-3%

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56007	CT - brain with contrast	\$212.50	\$218.70	-\$6.20	-3%
56010	CT - pituitary fossa and brain	\$214.30	\$247.75	-\$33.45	-14%
56013	CT - orbits and brain	\$212.50	\$247.75	-\$35.25	-14%
56016	CT - petrous bones and brain	\$246.50	\$296.70	-\$50.20	-17%
56022	CT - facial bones and para nasal sinuses	\$191.25	\$196.30	-\$5.05	-3%
56028	CT - facial bones and para nasal sinuses with contrast	\$286.30	\$293.30	-\$7.00	-2%
56030	CT - facial bones, para nasal sinuses and brain	\$191.25	N/A	-	-
56036	CT - facial bones, para nasal sinuses and brain with contrast	\$286.30	N/A	-	-
56101	CT - soft tissues of neck	\$195.50	\$201.85	-\$6.35	-3%
56107	CT - soft tissues of neck with contrast	\$289.00	\$299.75	-\$10.75	-4%
56219	CT - spine with intrathecal contrast medium	\$277.30	\$285.90	-\$8.60	-3%
56220	CT - cervical spine	\$204.00	\$212.00	-\$8.00	-4%
56221	CT - thoracic spine	\$204.00	\$212.00	-\$8.00	-4%
56223	CT - lumbosacral spine	\$204.00	\$212.00	-\$8.00	-4%
56224	CT - cervical spine with contrast	\$298.70	\$311.80	-\$13.10	-4%
56225	CT - thoracic spine with contrast	\$298.70	\$311.80	-\$13.10	-4%
56226	CT - lumbosacral spine with contrast	\$298.70	\$311.80	-\$13.10	-4%
56233	CT - two regions of spine	\$204.00.	\$212.00	-\$8.00	-4%
56234	CT - two regions of spine with contrast	\$298.70	\$311.80	-\$13.10	-4%
56237	CT - three regions of spine	\$204.00	\$212.00	-\$8.00	-4%
56238	CT - three regions of spine with contrast	\$298.70	\$311.80	-\$13.10	-4%
56301	CT - chest	\$250.75	\$259.30	-\$8.55	-3%
56307	CT - chest with contrast	\$340.00	\$362.30	-\$22.30	-6%
56401	CT - upper abdomen	\$212.50	\$220.00	-\$7.50	-3%
56407	CT - upper abdomen with contrast	\$306.00	\$319.90	-\$13.90	-4%
56409	CT - pelvis	\$212.50	\$220.00	-\$7.50	-3%
56412	CT - pelvis with contrast	\$306.00	\$319.90	-\$13.90	-4%

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56501	CT - upper abdomen and pelvis	\$327.25	\$343.70	-\$16.45	-5%
56507	CT - upper abdomen and pelvis with contrast	\$408.05	\$446.95	-\$38.90	-9%
56553	CT - colonography	\$442.00	N/A	-	-
56619	CT - extremities	\$187.00	\$194.45	-\$7.45	-4%
56625	CT - extremities with contrast	\$284.50	\$291.10	-\$6.60	-2%
56801	CT - chest, abdomen and pelvis	\$396.60	\$425.65	-\$29.05	-7%
56807	CT - chest, abdomen and pelvis with contrast	\$479.80	\$528.85	-\$49.05	-9%
57001	CT - brain, chest and abdomen	\$396.70	\$425.75	-\$29.05	-7%
57007	CT - brain, chest and abdomen with contrast	\$487.55	\$528.95	-\$41.40	-8%
57201	CT - pelvimetry	\$131.95	\$134.65	-\$2.70	-2%
57341	CT - interventional procedure	\$399.50	\$443.50	-\$44.00	-10%
57350	CT - spiral angiography	\$433.50	\$488.65	-\$55.15	-11%
57351	CT - spiral angiography follow-up	\$433.50	\$488.65	-\$55.15	-11%
57360	CT - coronary arteries	\$619.80	N/A	-	-
57362	Cone beam CT	\$96.20	N/A	-	-

#### DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY

57509	X-ray - hand, wrist, forearm, elbow or humerus	\$33.80	\$36.15	-\$2.35	-7%
57515	X-ray - hand and wrist or hand, wrist and forearm or forearm and elbow or elbow and humerus	\$45.90	\$49.05	-\$3.15	-6%
57521	X-ray - foot, ankle, leg, knee or femur	\$36.90	\$39.45	-\$2.55	-6%
57527	X-ray - foot and ankle, or ankle and leg, or leg and knee, or knee and femur	\$55.90	\$59.80	-\$3.90	-7%
57703	X-ray - shoulder or scapula	\$45.90	\$49.05	-\$3.15	-6%
57709	X-ray - clavicle	\$36.90	\$39.45	-\$2.55	-6%
57712	X-ray - hip joint	\$40.10	\$42.85	-\$2.75	-6%
57715	X-ray - pelvic girdle	\$51.80	\$55.40	-\$3.60	-6%
57721	X-ray - femur, internal fixation of neck or intertrochanteric (perthrochanteric) fracture	\$84.40	\$90.15	-\$5.75	-6%
57901	X-ray - skull	\$54.85	\$58.65	-\$3.80	-6%

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57902	X-ray - cephalometry	\$54.85	\$58.65	-\$3.80	-6%
57903	X-ray - sinuses	\$40.25	\$42.85	-\$2.60	-6%
57906	X-ray - mastoids	\$54.85	\$58.65	-\$3.80	-6%
57909	X-ray - petrous temporal bones	\$54.85	\$58.65	-\$3.80	-6%
57912	X-ray - facial bones orbit, maxilla or malar	\$40.10	\$42.85	-\$2.75	-6%
57915	X-ray - mandible	\$40.10	\$42.85	-\$2.75	-6%
57918	X-ray - salivary calculus	\$40.10	\$42.85	-\$2.75	-6%
57921	X-ray - nose	\$40.10	\$42.85	-\$2.75	-6%
57924	X-ray - eye	\$40.10	\$42.85	-\$2.75	-6%
57927	X-ray - temporomandibular joints	\$42.25	\$45.10	-\$2.85	-6%
57930	X-ray - teeth, single area	\$28.00	\$29.90	-\$1.90	-6%
57933	X-ray - teeth, full mouth	\$66.55	\$71.10	-\$4.55	-6%
57939	X-ray - palatopharyngeal studies with fluoroscopic screening	\$54.85	\$58.65	-\$3.80	-6%
57942	X-ray - palatopharyngeal studies without fluoroscopic screening	\$42.25	\$45.10	-\$2.85	-6%
57945	X-ray - larynx, lateral airways and soft tissues of the neck	\$36.90	\$39.45	-\$2.55	-6%
57960	OPG - trauma, infection , tumour, congenital or surgical conditions	\$40.30	\$43.05	-\$2.75	-6%
57963	OPG - impacted teeth, caries, periodontal or peripical pathology	\$40.30	\$43.05	-\$2.75	-6%
57966	OPG - missing or crowded teeth, or developmental anomalies	\$40.30	\$43.05	-\$2.75	-6%
57969	OPG - temporomandibular joint arthroses or dysfunction	\$40.30	\$43.05	-\$2.75	-6%
58100	X-ray - cervical spine	\$57.10	\$61.05	-\$3.95	-6%
58103	X-ray - thoracic spine	\$46.85	\$50.15	-\$3.30	-7%
58106	X-ray - lumbosacral spine	\$65.45	\$69.95	-\$4.50	-6%
58108	X-ray - four regions of spine	\$93.50	\$120.80	-\$27.30	-23%
58109	X-ray - sacrococcygeal spine	\$39.95	\$47.20	-\$7.25	-15%

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58112	X-ray - two regions of spine	\$82.70	\$88.40	-\$5.70	-6%
58115	X-ray - three regions of spine	\$93.50	\$120.80	-\$27.30	-23%
58120	X-ray - four regions of spine (referred by allied health practitioner)	\$93.50	\$120.80	-\$27.30	-23%
58121	X-ray - three regions of spine (referred by allied health practitioner)	\$93.50	\$120.80	-\$27.30	-23%
58300	Bone age study	\$34.10	\$36.45	-\$2.35	-6%
58306	Skeletal survey	\$76.00	\$81.20	-\$5.20	-6%
58503	X-ray - chest	\$40.10	\$42.85	-\$2.75	-6%
58506	X-ray - chest with fluoroscopic screening	\$51.65	\$55.25	-\$3.60	-7%
58509	X-ray - thoracic inlet or trachea	\$33.80	\$36.15	-\$2.35	-7%
58521	X-ray - ribs (one side) or sternum	\$36.90	\$39.45	-\$2.55	-6%
58524	X-ray - ribs (both sides) or ribs (one side) and sternum	\$48.05	\$51.30	-\$3.25	-6%
58527	X-ray - ribs (both sides) and sternum	\$59.00	\$63.15	-\$4.15	-7%
58700	X-ray - plain renal	\$39.15	\$41.85	-\$2.70	-6%
58706	Intravenous pyelography	\$134.25	\$143.50	-\$9.25	-6%
58715	Antegrade or retrograde pyelography	\$128.85	\$137.70	-\$8.85	-6%
58718	Retrograde cystography or retrograde urethrography	\$107.20	\$114.60	-\$7.40	-6%
58721	Retrograde micturating cysto-urethrography	\$117.55	\$125.60	-\$8.05	-6%
58903	X-ray - plain abdominal	\$40.50	\$43.25	-\$2.75	-6%
58909	Barium or other opaque meal of pharynx, oesophagus, stomach or duodenum	\$76.50	\$81.75	-\$5.25	-6%
58921	Opaque enema	\$115.00	\$122.65	-\$7.65	-6%
58927	Cholegraphy direct	\$65.00	\$69.45	-\$4.45	-6%
58933	Cholegraphy, percutaneous transhepatic	\$174.80	\$186.80	-\$12.00	-6%
58936	Cholegraphy, drip infusion	\$166.60	\$178.05	-\$11.45	-6%
58939	Defaecogram	\$118.45	\$126.60	-\$8.15	-6%
59103	Localisation of foreign body	\$18.15	\$21.75	-\$3.60	-17%
59300	Diagnostic mammography (both breasts)	\$76.10	\$71.15	\$4.95	7%

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59303	Diagnostic mammography (one breast)	\$45.90	\$42.90	\$3.00	7%
59306	Mammary ductogram (one breast)	\$85.30	\$82.05	\$3.25	4%
59309	Mammary ductogram (both breasts)	\$170.55	\$164.05	\$6.50	4%
59312	X-ray - surgical procedure (both breasts)	\$73.95	\$71.15	\$2.80	4%
59314	X-ray - surgical procedure (one breast)	\$44.65	\$42.90	\$1.75	4%
59318	X-ray - excised breast tissue	\$40.00	\$38.50	\$1.50	4%
59700	Discography	\$82.10	\$87.70	-\$5.60	-6%
59703	Dacryocystography	\$64.55	\$68.95	-\$4.40	-6%
59712	Hysterosalpingography	\$96.65	\$103.35	-\$6.70	-6%
59715	Bronchography	\$122.05	\$130.40	-\$8.35	-6%
59718	Phlebography	\$114.50	\$122.40	-\$7.90	-6%
59724	Myelography	\$192.50	\$205.70	-\$13.20	-6%
59733	Sialography	\$91.55	\$97.80	-\$6.25	-6%
59739	Sinogram or fistulogram	\$62.70	\$67.00	-\$4.30	-6%
59751	Arthrography	\$118.30	\$126.40	-\$8.10	-6%
59754	Lymphangiography	\$186.45	\$199.30	-\$12.85	-6%
59763	Air insufflation during video - fluoroscopic imaging	\$113.85	\$121.60	-\$7.75	-6%
59903	Angiocardiology	\$97.40	\$104.60	-\$7.20	-7%
59912	Selective coronary arteriography	\$259.45	\$278.65	-\$19.20	-7%
59925	Selective coronary arteriography and angiocardiology	\$308.10	N/A	-	-
59970	Angiography and/or digital subtraction angiography with fluoroscopy	\$143.10	\$137.65	\$5.45	4%
60000	Digital subtraction angiography - head and neck, 1-3 data acquisition runs	\$483.80	\$492.05	-\$8.25	-2%
60003	Digital subtraction angiography - head and neck, 4-6 data acquisition runs	\$746.90	\$745.10	\$1.80	0%
60006	Digital subtraction angiography - head and neck, 7-9 data acquisition runs	\$1095.90	\$1080.80	\$15.10	1%

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60009	Digital subtraction angiography - head and neck, 10 or more data acquisition runs	\$1296.10	\$1273.40	\$22.70	2%
60012	Digital subtraction angiography - thorax, 1-3 data acquisition runs	\$483.80	\$492.05	-\$8.25	-2%
60015	Digital subtraction angiography - thorax, 4-6 data acquisition runs	\$746.90	\$745.10	\$1.80	0%
60018	Digital subtraction angiography - thorax, 7-9 data acquisition runs	\$1095.90	\$1080.80	\$15.10	1%
60021	Digital subtraction angiography - thorax, 10 or more data acquisition runs	\$1296.10	\$1273.40	\$22.70	2%
60024	Digital subtraction angiography - abdomen, 1-3 data acquisition runs	\$483.80	\$492.05	-\$8.25	-2%
60027	Digital subtraction angiography - abdomen, 4-6 data acquisition runs	\$746.90	\$745.10	\$1.80	0%
60030	Digital subtraction angiography - abdomen, 7-9 data acquisition runs	\$1095.90	\$1080.80	\$15.10	1%
60033	Digital subtraction angiography - abdomen, 10 or more data acquisition runs	\$1296.10	\$1273.40	\$22.70	2%
60036	Digital subtraction angiography - upper limb or limbs, 1-3 data acquisition runs	\$483.80	\$492.05	-\$8.25	-2%
60039	Digital subtraction angiography - upper limb or limbs, 4-6 data acquisition runs	\$746.90	\$745.10	\$1.80	0%
60042	Digital subtraction angiography - upper limb or limbs, 7-9 data acquisition runs	\$1095.90	\$1080.80	\$15.10	1%
60045	Digital subtraction angiography - upper limb or limbs, 10 or more data acquisition runs	\$1296.10	\$1273.40	\$22.70	2%
60048	Digital subtraction angiography - lower limb or limbs, 1-3 data acquisition runs	\$483.80	\$492.05	-\$8.25	-2%
60051	Digital subtraction angiography - lower limb or limbs, 4-6 data acquisition runs	\$746.90	\$745.10	\$1.80	0%
60054	Digital subtraction angiography - lower limb or limbs, 7-9 data acquisition runs	\$1095.90	\$1080.80	\$15.10	1%
60057	Digital subtraction angiography - lower limb or limbs, 10 or more data acquisition runs	\$1296.10	\$1273.40	\$22.70	2%
60060	Digital subtraction angiography - aorta and lower limb or limbs, 1-3 data acquisition runs	\$483.80	\$492.05	-\$8.25	-2%

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60063	Digital subtraction angiography - aorta and lower limb or limbs, 4-6 data acquisition runs	\$746.90	\$745.10	\$1.80	0%
60066	Digital subtraction angiography - aorta and lower limb or limbs, 7-9 data acquisition runs	\$1095.90	\$1080.80	\$15.10	1%
60069	Digital subtraction angiography - aorta and lower limb or limbs, 10 or more data acquisition runs	\$1296.10	\$1273.40	\$22.70	2%
60072	Selective arteriography or selective venography, 1 vessel	\$40.90	\$39.35	\$1.55	4%
60075	Selective arteriography or selective venography, 2 vessels	\$81.70	\$78.60	\$3.10	4%
60078	Selective arteriography or selective venography, 3 or more vessels	\$122.65	\$117.90	\$4.75	4%
60100	Tomography	\$51.65	\$55.25	-\$3.60	-7%
60500	Fluoroscopy, with general anaesthesia	\$36.90	\$39.45	-\$2.55	-6%
60503	Fluoroscopy, without general anaesthesia	\$25.30	\$27.05	-\$1.75	-6%
60506	Fluoroscopy , in conjunction with a surgical procedure lasting less than 1 hour	\$54.20	\$57.95	-\$3.75	-6%
60509	Fluoroscopy , in conjunction with a surgical procedure lasting more than 1 hour	\$84.10	\$89.95	-\$5.85	-7%
61109	Fluoroscopy in an angiography suite , in conjunction with a surgical procedure	\$220.10	\$235.20	-\$15.10	-6%
<b>NUCLEAR MEDICINE IMAGING</b>					
61302	Single stress or rest myocardial perfusion study,	\$381.55	\$340.85	\$40.70	12%
61303	Single stress or rest myocardial perfusion study, with SPECT	\$485.10	\$454.35	\$30.75	7%
61306	Combined stress and rest study	\$629.50	\$568.20	\$61.30	11%
61307	Combined stress and rest study, with SPECT	\$754.70	\$702.35	\$52.35	7%
61310	Myocardial infarct-avid-stud	\$312.25	\$272.15	\$40.10	15%
61313	Gated cardiac blood pool study	\$257.85	\$229.05	\$28.80	13%
61314	Gated cardiac blood pool study, and first pass blood flow or cardiac shunt study	\$357.00	\$320.70	\$36.30	11%
61316	Gated cardiac blood pool study, with intervention and planar imaging and SPECT	\$324.00	\$286.80	\$37.20	13%
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61317	Gated cardiac blood pool study, with intervention and first pass blood flow study or cardiac shunt study	\$418.55	\$383.75	\$34.80	9%
61320	Cardiac first pass blood flow study or cardiac shunt study	\$194.60	\$169.65	\$24.95	15%
61328	Lung perfusion study	\$193.55	\$161.00	\$32.55	20%
61340	Lung ventilation study using aerosol, technegas or xenon gas	\$215.05	\$187.50	\$27.55	15%
61348	Lung perfusion study and lung ventilation study	\$376.85	\$338.55	\$38.30	11%
61352	Liver and spleen study, with planar imaging	\$220.45	\$192.15	\$28.30	15%
61353	Liver and spleen study, with SPECT	\$328.65	\$286.55	\$42.10	15%
61356	Red blood cell spleen or liver study	\$333.90	\$291.95	\$41.95	14%
61360	Hepatobiliary study	\$342.85	\$305.20	\$37.65	12%
61361	Hepatobiliary study with formal quantification following baseline imaging	\$392.20	\$356.80	\$35.40	10%
61364	Bowel haemorrhage study	\$422.45	\$382.75	\$39.70	10%
61368	Meckel's diverticulum study	\$189.65	\$165.30	\$24.35	15%
61369	Indium-labelled octreotide study	\$1935.55	N/A	-	-
61372	Salivary study	\$189.65	\$165.30	\$24.35	15%
61373	Gastro-oesophageal reflux study	\$416.25	\$376.45	\$39.80	11%
61376	Oesophageal clearance study	\$121.85	\$106.25	\$15.60	15%
61381	Gastric emptying study	\$494.15	\$472.25	\$21.90	5%
61383	Combined solid and liquid gastric emptying study	\$544.75	\$519.40	\$25.35	5%
61384	Radionuclide colonic transit study	\$607.50	\$579.05	\$28.45	5%
61386	Renal study	\$282.65	\$246.35	\$36.30	15%
61387	Renal cortical study	\$366.15	\$347.05	\$19.10	6%
61389	Single renal study with diuretic or angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor	\$315.00	\$274.05	\$40.95	15%
61390	Renal study with diuretic administration following a baseline study	\$348.50	\$307.00	\$41.50	14%
61393	Combined renal examination	\$525.30	\$487.40	\$37.90	8%

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61397	Cystoureterogram	\$209.85	\$182.95	\$26.90	15%
61401	Testicular study	\$138.00	\$120.25	\$17.75	15%
61402	Cerebral perfusion study	\$524.85	\$477.00	\$47.85	10%
61405	Brain study with blood brain barrier agent	\$294.10	\$256.40	\$37.70	15%
61409	Cerebro-spinal fluid transport study	\$793.30	\$711.00	\$82.30	12%
61413	Cerebro-spinal fluid shunt patency study	\$192.10	\$167.45	\$24.65	15%
61417	Cerebro-spinal fluid shunt patency study	\$101.05	\$88.05	\$13.00	15%
61421	Dynamic blood flow study or regional blood volume quantitative study	\$407.85	\$372.30	\$35.55	10%
61425	Bone study, whole body	\$520.50	\$479.70	\$40.80	9%
61426	Bone study, whole body with SPECT	\$474.60	\$433.20	\$41.40	10%
61429	Whole body study using iodine	\$462.80	\$422.90	\$39.90	9%
61430	Whole body study using gallium	\$579.25	\$536.40	\$42.85	8%
61433	Whole body study using cells labelled with technetium	\$422.45	\$382.75	\$39.70	10%
61434	Whole body study using cells labelled with technetium, with SPECT	\$535.20	\$486.00	\$49.20	10%
61437	Whole body study using thallium	\$462.55	\$422.70	\$39.85	9%
61438	Whole body study using thallium, with SPECT	\$592.75	\$536.20	\$56.55	11%
61441	Bone marrow study, whole body using technetium labelled bone marrow agents	\$416.25	\$382.75	\$33.50	9%
61442	Whole body study, using gallium, with SPECT	\$672.15	\$629.35	\$42.80	7%
61445	Bone marrow study, localised using technetium labelled agent	\$243.80	N/A	-	-
61446	Localised bone or joint study	\$283.55	\$250.15	\$33.40	13%
61449	Localised bone or joint study, with SPECT	\$387.80	\$353.30	\$34.50	10%
61450	Localised study using gallium	\$337.95	\$296.10	\$41.85	14%
61453	Localised study using gallium, with SPECT	\$437.50	\$410.20	\$27.30	7%
61454	Localised study using cells labelled with technetium	\$295.90	\$257.90	\$38.00	15%
61457	Localised study using cells labelled with technetium, with SPECT	\$399.90	\$359.70	\$40.20	11%

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61458	Localised study using thallium	\$337.45	\$295.55	\$41.90	14%
61461	Localised study using thallium, with SPECT	\$448.70	\$409.70	\$39.00	10%
61462	Repeat planar and SPECT	\$109.65	\$113.55	-\$3.90	-3%
61469	Lymphoscintigraphy	\$295.90	\$259.70	\$36.20	14%
61473	Thyroid study	\$149.10	\$131.65	\$17.45	13%
61480	Parathyroid study	\$328.85	\$286.80	\$42.05	15%
61484	Adrenal study	\$800.65	\$717.40	\$83.25	12%
61485	Adrenal study, with SPECT	\$919.00	\$820.60	\$98.40	12%
61495	Tear duct study	\$189.65	\$165.30	\$24.35	15%
61499	Particle perfusion study or Le Veen shunt study	\$215.05	\$187.50	\$27.55	15%
61505	CT scan for the purpose of anatomic localisation or attenuation correction	\$85.00	N/A	-	-
61523	FDG PET scan for evaluation of solitary pulmonary nodule	\$872.80	N/A	-	-
61529	FDG PET scan for staging of proven non-small cell lung cancer	\$872.80	N/A	-	-
61538	FDG PET scan for evaluation of suspected residual or recurrent malignant brain tumour	\$820.80	N/A	-	-
61541	FDG PET scan for evaluation of suspected residual, metastatic or recurrent colorectal carcinoma	\$872.80	N/A	-	-
61553	FDG PET scan for evaluation of suspected metastatic or recurrent malignant melanoma	\$918.80	N/A	-	-
61559	FDG PET scan for evaluation of refractory epilepsy	\$837.80	N/A	-	-
61565	FDG PET scan for suspected residual, metastatic or recurrent ovarian carcinoma	\$872.80	N/A	-	-
61571	FDG PET scan for primary staging of patients with histologically proven carcinoma of the uterine cervix	\$872.80	N/A	-	-
61575	FDG PET scan for further staging of patients with confirmed local recurrence of carcinoma of the uterine cervix	\$872.80	N/A	-	-
61577	FDG PET scan for staging of proven oesophageal or jej carcinoma	\$872.80	N/A	-	-

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61598	FDG PET scan for staging of biopsy-proven newly diagnosed or recurrent head and neck cancer	\$872.80	N/A	-	-
61604	FDG PET scan for evaluation of patients with suspected residual head and neck cancer	\$872.80	N/A	-	-
61610	FDG PET scan for evaluation of metastatic squamous cell carcinoma of unknown primary site involving cervical nodes	\$872.80	N/A	-	-
61616	FDG PET scan for initial staging of indolent non-hodgkin's lymphoma	\$872.80	N/A	-	-
61620	FDG PET scan for initial staging of newly diagnosed or previously untreated hodgkin's or non-hodgkin's lymphoma	\$872.80	N/A	-	-
61622	FDG PET scan to assess response to first line therapy for hodgkin's or non-hodgkin's lymphoma	\$872.80	N/A	-	-
61628	FDG PET scan for restaging following confirmation of recurrence of hodgkin's or non-hodgkin's lymphoma	\$872.80	N/A	-	-
61632	FDG PET scan to assess response to second-line chemotherapy for hodgkin's or non-hodgkin's lymphoma	\$872.80	N/A	-	-
61640	FDG PET scan for initial staging of patients with biopsy-proven bone or soft tissue sarcoma	\$918.80	N/A	-	-
61646	FDG PET scan for evaluation of patients with suspected residual or recurrent sarcoma	\$918.80	N/A	-	-
61650	Leukoscan study	\$798.50	N/A	-	-
<b>MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING</b>					
63001	MRI - scan of head for brain or meninges tumour	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63004	MRI - scan of head for inflammation of the brain or meninges	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63007	MRI - scan of head for skull base or orbital tumour	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63010	MRI - scan of brain for planning stereotactic neurosurgery	\$285.60	\$424.60	-\$139.00	-33%
63040	MRI - scan of head for acoustic neuroma	\$285.60	\$424.60	-\$139.00	-33%
63043	MRI - scan of head for pituitary tumour	\$304.65	\$424.60	-\$119.95	-28%
63046	MRI - scan of head for toxic or metabolic or ischaemic encephalopathy	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
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63049	MRI - scan of head for demyelinating disease of the brain	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63052	MRI - scan of head for congenital malformation of the brain or meninges	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63055	MRI - scan of head for venous sinus thrombosis	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63058	MRI - scan of head for head trauma	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63061	MRI - scan of head for epilepsy	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63064	MRI - scan of head for stroke	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63067	MRI - scan of head for carotid or vertebral artery dissection	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63070	MRI - scan of head for intracranial aneurysm	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63073	MRI - scan of head for intracranial arteriovenous malformation	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63101	MRI - scan of head and neck vessels for stroke	\$418.90	\$424.60	-\$5.70	-1%
63111	MRI - scan of head and cervical spine for tumour of the CNS or meninges	\$418.90	\$424.60	-\$5.70	-1%
63114	MRI - scan of head and cervical spine for inflammation of the CNS or meninges	\$418.90	\$424.60	-\$5.70	-1%
63125	MRI - scan of head and cervical spine for demyelinating disease of the CNS	\$418.90	\$424.60	-\$5.70	-1%
63128	MRI - scan of head and cervical spine for congenital malformation of the CNS or meninges	\$418.90	\$424.60	-\$5.70	-1%
63131	MRI - scan of head and cervical spine for syrinx	\$418.90	\$424.60	-\$5.70	-1%
63151	MRI - scan of spine, one or two contiguous regions for infection	\$304.65	\$424.60	-\$119.95	-28%
63154	MRI - scan of spine, one or two contiguous regions for tumour	\$304.65	\$424.60	-\$119.95	-28%
63161	MRI - scan of spine, one or two contiguous regions for demyelinating	\$304.65	\$424.60	-\$119.95	-28%
63164	MRI - scan of spine, one or two contiguous regions for congenital malformation of the spinal cord	\$304.65	\$424.60	-\$119.95	-28%
63167	MRI - scan of spine, one or two contiguous regions for myelopathy	\$304.65	\$424.60	-\$119.95	-28%

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63170	MRI - scan of spine, one or two contiguous regions for syrx	\$304.65	\$424.60	-\$119.95	-28%
63173	MRI - scan of spine, one or two contiguous regions for cervical radiculopathy	\$304.65	\$424.60	-\$119.95	-28%
63176	MRI - scan of spine, one or two contiguous regions for sciatica	\$304.65	\$424.60	-\$119.95	-28%
63179	MRI - scan of spine, one or two contiguous regions for spinal canal stenosis	\$304.65	\$424.60	-\$119.95	-28%
63182	MRI - scan of spine, one or two contiguous regions for previous spinal surgery	\$304.65	\$424.60	-\$119.95	-28%
63185	MRI - scan of spine, one or two contiguous regions for trauma	\$304.65	\$424.60	-\$119.95	-28%
63201	MRI - scan of spine, one or two contiguous regions for infection	\$380.80	\$424.60	-\$43.80	-10%
63204	MRI - scan of spine, three contiguous regions or two non-contiguous regions for tumour	\$380.80	\$424.60	-\$43.80	-10%
63219	MRI - scan of spine, three contiguous regions or two non-contiguous regions for demyelinating	\$380.80	\$424.60	-\$43.80	-10%
63222	MRI - scan of spine, three contiguous regions or two non-contiguous regions for congenital malformation of the spinal cord	\$380.80	\$424.60	-\$43.80	-10%
63225	MRI - scan of spine, three contiguous regions or two non-contiguous regions for myelopathy	\$380.80	\$424.60	-\$43.80	-10%
63228	MRI - scan of spine, three contiguous regions or two non-contiguous regions for syrx	\$380.80	\$424.60	-\$43.80	-10%
63231	MRI - scan of spine, three contiguous regions or two non-contiguous regions for cervical radiculopathy	\$380.80	\$424.60	-\$43.80	-10%
63234	MRI - scan of spine, three contiguous regions or two non-contiguous regions for sciatica	\$380.80	\$424.60	-\$43.80	-10%
63237	MRI - scan of spine, three contiguous regions or two non-contiguous regions for spinal canal stenosis	\$380.80	\$424.60	-\$43.80	-10%
63240	MRI - scan of spine, three contiguous regions or two non-contiguous regions for previous spinal surgery	\$380.80	\$424.60	-\$43.80	-10%
63243	MRI - scan of spine, three contiguous regions or two non-contiguous regions for trauma	\$380.80	\$424.60	-\$43.80	-10%
63271	MRI - scan of cervical spine and brachial plexus for tumour	\$418.90	\$424.60	-\$5.70	-1%

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63274	MRI - scan of cervical spine and brachial plexus for trauma	\$418.90	\$424.60	-\$5.70	-1%
63277	MRI - scan of cervical spine and brachial plexus for cervical radiculopathy	\$418.90	\$424.60	-\$5.70	-1%
63280	MRI - scan of cervical spine and brachial plexus for previous surgery	\$418.90	\$424.60	-\$5.70	-1%
63301	MRI - scan of musculoskeletal system for tumour	\$323.70	\$424.60	-\$100.90	-24%
63304	MRI - scan of musculoskeletal system for infection	\$323.70	\$424.60	-\$100.90	-24%
63307	MRI - scan of musculoskeletal system for osteonecrosis	\$323.70	\$424.60	-\$100.90	-24%
63322	MRI - scan of musculoskeletal system for derangement of hip	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63325	MRI - scan of musculoskeletal system for derangement of shoulder	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63328	MRI - scan of musculoskeletal system for derangement of knee	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63331	MRI - scan of musculoskeletal system for derangement of ankle and/or foot	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63334	MRI - scan of musculoskeletal system for derangement of temporomandibular joints	\$285.60	\$424.60	-\$139.00	-33%
63337	MRI - scan of musculoskeletal system for derangement of wrist and/or hand	\$380.80	\$424.60	-\$43.80	-10%
63340	MRI - scan of musculoskeletal system for derangement of elbow	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63361	MRI - scan of musculoskeletal system for Gaucher disease	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63385	MRI - scan of cardiovascular system for congenital disease of the heart or a great vessel	\$380.80	\$424.60	-\$43.80	-10%
63388	MRI - scan of cardiovascular system for tumour of the heart or a great vessel	\$380.80	\$424.60	-\$43.80	-10%
63391	MRI - scan of cardiovascular system for abnormality or thoracic aorta	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63401	MRI - scan of cardiovascular system for vascular abnormality	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63404	MRI - scan of cardiovascular system for obstruction of the vena cava, inferior vena cava or a major pelvic vein	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%

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63416	MR Angiography - scan of person under the age of 16 for the vasculature of limbs	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63425	MRI - scan of person under the age of 16 for physéal fusion	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63428	MRI - scan of person under the age of 16 for Gaucher disease	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63440	MRI - scan of person under the age of 16 for pelvic or abdominal mass	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63443	MRI - scan of person under the age of 16 for mediastinal mass	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63446	MRI - scan of person under the age of 16 for congenital uterine or anorectal abnormality	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63461	MRI - scan of body for adrenal mass	\$304.65	\$424.60	-\$119.95	-28%
63464	MRI - scan of breasts for detection of cancer	\$609.80	N/A	-	-
63467	MRI - scan of breasts for detection of cancer, follow-up	\$609.80	N/A	-	-
63470	MRI - scan of pelvis for staging of cervical cancer, stages 1B or greater	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63473	MRI - scan of pelvis and upper abdomen for staging of cervical cancer, stages 1B or greater	\$547.00	N/A	-	-
63476	MRI - scan of pelvis for initial staging of rectal cancer	\$342.75	N/A	-	-
63482	MRI - scan of pancreas and biliary tree for suspected pathology	\$342.75	\$424.60	-\$81.85	-19%
63487	MRI - scan of body for patient diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer	\$609.80	N/A	-	-
63489	MRI - guided biopsy for patient with suspicious breast lesion seen on MRI	\$1359.80	N/A	-	-
63491	MRI - use of contrast agent	\$38.10	N/A	-	-
63494	MRI - use of intravenous or intramuscular sedation	\$38.10	N/A	-	-
63497	MRI - scan under anaesthetic	\$133.30	N/A	-	-
63507	MRI - scan of head (patient under 16), GP-referred	\$342.75	N/A	-	-
63510	MRI - scan of spine (patient under 16), GP-referred	\$380.80	N/A	-	-
63513	MRI - scan of knee (patient under 16), GP-referred	\$342.75	N/A	-	-

Rebate to be indexed from 1 July 2020

Rebate to remain frozen

ITEM NUM	DESCRIPTION	MEDICARE BENEFIT 2017	MEDICARE BENEFIT 1998	19 YEAR \$ VARIATION IN MEDICARE BENEFIT	19 YEAR % VARIATION IN MEDICARE BENEFIT
63516	MRI - scan of hip (patient under 16), GP-referred	\$342.75	N/A	-	-
63519	MRI - scan of elbow (patient under 16), GP-referred	\$342.75	N/A	-	-
63522	MRI - scan of wrist (patient under 16), GP-referred	\$380.80	N/A	-	-
63551	MRI - scan of head, GP-referred	\$342.75	N/A	-	-
63554	MRI - scan of spine for cervical radiculopathy, GP-referred	\$304.65	N/A	-	-
63557	MRI - scan of spine for cervical spine trauma, GP-referred	\$418.90	N/A	-	-
63560	MRI - scan of knee, GP-referred	\$342.75	N/A	-	-
63740	MRI - scan to evaluate small bowel Crohn's disease	\$388.65	N/A	-	-
63741	MRI - enteroclysis for Crohn's disease	\$225.50	N/A	-	-
63743	MRI - scan for fistulising perianal Crohn's disease	\$342.75	N/A	-	-

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