

Medicare Criteria for Podiatrists

Are your patients eligible for a rebate?

The Government has a set of strict rules that apply to rebates for patients referred by Allied Health Professionals. Your patient may be eligible for a Medicare rebate for the following radiographic requests (with corresponding item numbers).

PODIATRISTS

X-ray of the:

- 57521 – Foot, ankle, femur or leg
- 57523 – Knee
- 57527 – Foot and ankle
- 57527 – Ankle and leg
- 57527 – Knee and leg
- 57527 – Knee and femur
- **EOS imaging** – lower limb study

Ultrasound of the:

- 55840 – Mid or forefoot
- 55836 – Ankle / hind foot
- 55844 – Skin or subcutaneous tissues to assess a mass not associated with the musculoskeletal system
- Guided joint injection of the foot or ankle, done on a case by case basis after discussion with a Radiologist

For any other examinations (not rebatable or NR item), your patient will incur a private fee. These are subject to our Radiologists' acceptance of the referral based on the service being "clinically relevant for the treatment of the patient's condition".

