

## Medicare items – Multiple gestation pregnancies

From 1 November 2023, Medicare has introduced new items for Ultrasound and MRI imaging relating to multiple gestation pregnancies.

Any pregnancy identified as multiple at the commencement of the second trimester (13 weeks + 0 days) should continue to utilise the multiple pregnancy items for the duration of that pregnancy.

### ULTRASOUND

#### ITEM NUMBER – 55740 PELVIC US (12 - 16 WEEKS)

Pelvis or abdomen, pregnancy-related or pregnancy complication, fetal development and anatomy, ultrasound (the **current ultrasound**) scan of, by any or all approaches, for determining the structure, gestation, location, viability or number of fetuses, **IF:**

- a) An ultrasound of the same pregnancy confirms a multiple pregnancy; **AND**
- b) The dating of the pregnancy (as confirmed by the current ultrasound) is 12 to 16 weeks of gestation; **AND**
- c) The current ultrasound is not performed on the same patient within 24 hours of a service mentioned in another item in this subgroup.

#### ITEM NUMBER – 55742 NUCHAL TRANSLUCENCY

Pelvis or abdomen, pregnancy-related or pregnancy complication, fetal development and anatomy, ultrasound (the **current ultrasound**) scan of, by any or all approaches, **IF:**

- a) An ultrasound of the same pregnancy confirms a multiple pregnancy; **AND**
- b) The pregnancy (as confirmed by the current ultrasound) is dated by a fetal crown rump length of 45 to 84mm; **AND**
- c) Nuchal translucency measurement is performed to assess the risk of fetal abnormality; **AND**
- d) The current ultrasound is not performed on the same patient within 24 hours of a service mentioned in another item in this subgroup.

### MRI

#### ITEM NUMBER – 63549 OBSTETRIC MRI FOR FETAL ABNORMALITY

Can only be requested by a specialist practicing in the speciality of obstetrics.

MRI scan of the pelvis or abdomen, for a patient with a multiple pregnancy, **IF:**

- a) The multiple pregnancy is at, or after, 18 weeks gestation; **AND**
- b) Fetal abnormality is suspected; **AND**
- c) An ultrasound has been performed and is provided by, or on behalf of, or at the request of, an obstetrician; **AND**
- d) The diagnosis of fetal abnormality as a result of the ultrasound is indeterminate or requires further examination.

The service can be performed as often as clinically required.