

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).

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X-ray of the:	Ultrasound of the:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 57521 – Foot, ankle, femur or leg• 57523 – Knee• 57527 – Foot and ankle• 57527 – Ankle and leg• 57527 – Knee and leg• 57527 – Knee and femur	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 55840 – Mid or forefoot• 55836 – Ankle / hind foot• 55844 – Skin or subcutaneous tissues to assess a mass not associated with the musculoskeletal system• 55840 or 55844 – Guided joint injection of the foot or ankle

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".