

## MBS items for Contrast-Enhanced MRI of the Liver

From the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019, two new services will be available for two new items covering contrast enhanced MRI liver scans.

Must be referred by a specialist or consultant physician.

The use of a hepatobiliary specific contrast agent is also covered by a Medicare rebate (item 63496) to be used in conjunction with the two items below.

### MRI Liver

#### ITEM NUMBER – 63545

(payable once in any 12 month period)

For characterisation or intervention planning, in a patient with:

- a)** Known colorectal carcinoma; **AND**
- b)** Known, suspected, or possible liver metastasis; **AND**
- c)** Previous CT or Ultrasound imaging has identified a mass lesion in the liver.

#### ITEM NUMBER – 63546

(payable once in any 12 month period)

For diagnosis or staging, in a patient with known or suspected hepatocellular carcinoma, **AND:**

- a)** Chronic liver disease, that has been confirmed by a specialist or consultant physician; **AND**
- b)** Liver function identified as Child-Pugh class A or B; **AND**
- c)** An identified hepatic lesion over 10 mm in diameter.

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