

## MBS items for Echocardiography

From the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020, changes are coming in to the item numbers for cardiac imaging services. See below the updated item numbers for Echocardiography with new criteria attached.

### Echocardiogram – initial assessment

55126 – can be referred by GP or specialists/specialist consultants

- Cannot be claimed within 24 months of any resting echo item.
- Can be ordered for any suspected heart condition.

### Echocardiogram – serial assessment of valvular disease

55128 – can be referred by GPs in Modified Monash areas 3-7\*

55127 – can be referred by specialists/specialist consultants

- For serial assessment of previously diagnosed valvular disease.

### Echocardiogram – serial assessment of heart failure or structural heart disease

55129 – can be referred by specialists/specialist consultants

- For serial assessment of heart failure or other non-valvular heart disease.

### Echocardiogram – frequent repetition

55133 - can be referred by GP or specialists/specialist consultants

- Repeat echocardiograms in patients with isolated pericardial effusion OR who has commenced medication for non-cardiac purposes that have cardio toxic side effects, and if the patient has a normal baseline study which requires echocardiograms to comply with requirements of PBS.

### Echocardiogram – serial assessment

55134 - can be referred by specialists/specialist consultants

- Repeat echocardiogram in patients not covered by other rare indications.

\*Modified Monash areas 3-7 relate to remote to very remote locations.

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