

As part of the 2023–24 Budget, the Australian Government has agreed changes to specialist items on the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS).

The changes are expected from March 2024.

For your information two fact sheets providing more detail on these changes are linked below:

- [MBS New and Amended Changes Summary – Budget 2023–24](#)
- [Detail of Specialist Changes – Budget 2023–24](#)

A new MBS item will be listed for the insertion of a breast marker clip during a breast biopsy. The new item will be a substitute for some hookwire services under MBS item 31536 and will benefit patients who are suffering from difficult, multiple, and/or small lesions who often require additional intervention to these areas after a biopsy.

The changes will be implemented by teams across the Medicare Benefits and Digital Health Division and the Department will consult with relevant stakeholders on the implementation arrangements, including finalising item descriptors and developing explanatory material for practitioners.

If you have any questions, please email [SurgicalServices@health.gov.au](mailto:SurgicalServices@health.gov.au) and your email will be directed to the relevant team.