

ECG rebate

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Are GPs specialists?

- For Medicare purposes, specialists include anaesthetists, dermatologists, emergency medical practitioners, obstetric and gynaecologists, ophthalmologists, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, pathologists, physicians, psychiatrists, radiologists, rehabilitation medical practitioners, sports and exercise physicians and surgeons.

Twelve-lead Electrocardiography (ECG) changes

Old item	New item	Short descriptor	Eligible requestor	Claiming guide	Co-claiming restrictions
11700	11704	Tracing and report (third party)	CP, S	N/A	11705, 11707 or 11714
11701	11705	Report only	CP, S	Claimable up to twice in a day.	11704 or 11714
11702	11707	Tracing only	MP	Claimable up to twice in a day.	11704 or 11714
N/A	11714	Trace and interpretation	CP, S	Claimable up to twice in a day.	11704, 11705, 11707



Cardiac Services changes from 1 August 2020

DRAFT until subject to passage of legislation

Prior to 1 August 2020

From 1 August 2020

Electrocardiogram (ECG)

11700

Twelve-lead ECG, tracing and report
\$31.75
(superseded by 11704)

11701

Twelve-lead ECG, report
\$15.80
(superseded by 11705)

11702

Twelve-lead ECG, tracing only
\$15.80
(superseded by 11707)

11704

Twelve-lead ECG, tracing and report
\$32.25

11705

Twelve-lead ECG, report only
\$19.00

11707

Twelve-lead ECG, tracing only
\$19.00

11714

Twelve-lead ECG, performing a trace and interpretation
\$25.00

Ambulatory Electrocardiogram (AECG)

11708

Continuous ECG recording of ambulatory patient
\$129.95
(superseded by 11716)

11709

Continuous ECG recording of a patient for 12 or more hours
\$170.15
(superseded by 11716)

11722

Implanted ECG loop recording
\$35.30
(superseded by 11731)

11710

Ambulatory ECG monitoring
\$52.75
(superseded by 11714 and 11716)

11711

Ambulatory ECG monitoring
\$28.75
(superseded by 11714, 11716 and 11723)

11716

Continuous ECG recording of a patient for 12 or more hours
\$172.75

11717

AECG monitoring 7-30 days
\$101.50

11723

AECG monitoring up to 7 days
\$53.55

11731

Implanted ECG loop recording
\$35.85

Electrocardiogram (ECG) stress testing

11712

Multi-channel ECG monitoring and recording during exercise
\$154.60

11729

Multi-channel ECG monitoring and recording during exercise. For patients > 17 years old
\$156.95

11730

Multi-channel ECG monitoring and recording during exercise
For patients < 17 year old
\$156.95

Legend

Delete

New

Why do GPs use ECG interpretation?

- Diagnosis
- Management
- Monitoring
- Appropriate referral

Amended item 11707 – Twelve-lead electrocardiography, trace, to inform clinical decision making.

Overview: This item has been amended to include additional information in the item descriptor, highlighting the co-claiming restriction with sleep study items (12203, 12204, 12205, 12207, 12208, 12210, 12213, 12215, 12217 or 12250) has been added.

Descriptor: Twelve-lead electrocardiography to produce a trace only, by a medical practitioner, if the trace:

- (a) is required to inform clinical decision making; and
- (b) is reviewed in a clinically appropriate timeframe to identify potentially serious or life-threatening abnormalities; and
- (c) does not need to be fully interpreted or reported on; and
- (d) the service does not apply if:
 - (i) the patient is an admitted patient: and

Not associated with a service to which item 12203, 12204, 12205, 12207, 12208, 12210, 12213, 12215, 12217 or 12250 applies.

For any particular patient, applicable no more than twice on the same day.

See para DR.1.4 of explanatory notes to this Category

MBS fee: \$19.00 (No change to fee) **Benefit:** 85% = \$16.15

Budget 2020-21

- Information accurate as at October 2020
- 1 August 2020 changes were made to better clarify the clinical requirements and circumstances where this testing and repeat testing is appropriate.
- These changes will promote high value use of ECG.
- This started on 1 August 2020 and is ongoing.
- *The DoH will monitor the impact of ECG changes and review in coming months.*