ECG rebate

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Are GPs specialists?

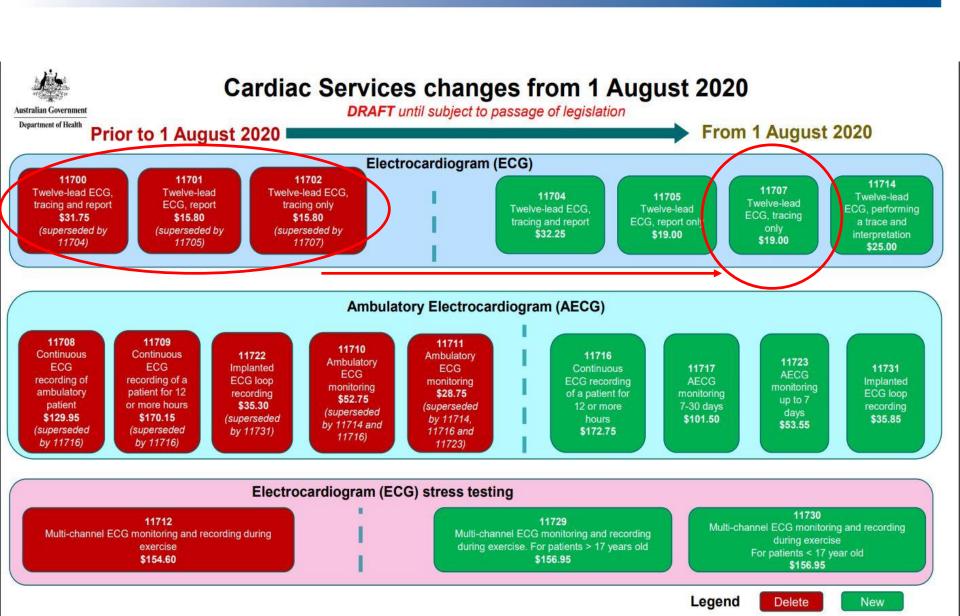
 For Medicare purposes, specialists include anaesthetists, dermatologists, emergency medical practitioners, obstetric and gynaecologists, ophthalmologists, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, pathologists, physicians, psychiatrists, radiologists, rehabilitation medical practitioners, sports and exercise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



Consultant Physician (CP), Medical Practitioner (MP), Specialist (S)



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 coclaiming 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

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- Information accurate as at October 2020
- I 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 I August 2020 and is ongoing.
- The DoH will monitor the impact of ECG changes and review in coming months.