



Proposed Restructure of Surgical Valve Items from 1 July 2021

Changes are modelled on claiming a single item as a complete medical service with “bolt-on” items available when clinically required to add on to the primary procedure

Deleted Items related to Value Repair:

DELETED MBS ITEMS		MBS FEE
38475	VALVE ANNULOPLASTY without insertion of ring, not being a service associated with a service to which item 38480 or 38481 applies	\$857.75
38478	VALVE ANNULOPLASTY with insertion of ring performed in conjunction with item 38480 or 38481	\$1,000.75
38480	VALVE REPAIR, 1 leaflet	\$2,065.95
38481	VALVE REPAIR, 2 or more leaflets	\$2,351.90

Deleted Items related to Valve Replacement:

DELETED MBS ITEMS		MBS FEE
38488	VALVE REPLACEMENT with bioprosthesis or mechanical prosthesis	\$857.75
38489	VALVE REPLACEMENT with allograft (subcoronary or cylindrical implant), or unstented xenograft	\$1,000.75

Deleted Items: This item is obsolete

DELETED MBS ITEM		MBS FEE
38483	AORTIC VALVE LEAFLET OR LEAFLETS, decalcification of	\$1,774.70

Valve Repair Items: *restructure of items based on complexity*

NEW MBS ITEM		MBS FEE
38516	NEW Simple valve repair, with or without annuloplasty, including quadrangular resection, cleft closure, or alferi. Including retrograde cardioplegia (if performed). Not being a service associated with a service to which items 11704, 11705, 11707, 11714, 18260, 33824, 38418, 38806 or 45503 apply (H) (Anaes.) (Assist)	\$2,509.25
38517	NEW Complex valve repair, with or without annuloplasty, involving one of (a) Neochords; (b) Chordal transfer; (c) Patch augmentation; (d) Multiple leaflets. Including retrograde cardioplegia (if performed). Not being a service associated with a service to which items 38806, 38418, 11704, 11705, 11707, 11714, 45503, 33824 or 18260 apply (H) (Anaes.) (Assist)	\$3,055.85

Valve Replacement Items: *restructure of items based on location of the valve*

NEW MBS ITEM		MBS FEE
38484	NEW Aortic or pulmonary valve replacement with bio-prosthesis or mechanical prosthesis	\$2,112.20
38499	NEW Mitral or tricuspid valve replacement with bio-prosthesis or mechanical prosthesis	\$2,112.20

Add-on Items:

38519	NEW Valve explant of a previous prosthesis, if performed during a service to which items 38484 and 38499 apply	\$1,100.00
38490	AMENDED Reconstruction and re-implantation of sub-valvular structures used in conjunction with item 38499	\$571.85

Stand-alone Procedure:

38477	AMENDED Valve annuloplasty with insertion of ring other than a service to which items 38516 or 38517 apply	\$2,065.95
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The item fees may change pending 1 July 2021 indexation. Note: the information provided is a general guide only. It is ultimately the responsibility of treating practitioners to use their professional judgment to determine the most clinically appropriate services to provide, and then to ensure that any services billed to Medicare fully meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the legislation.