

Plain echocardiography (echo) changes

Old item	New item	Short descriptor	Eligible requestor	Time restrictions of any provider	Co-claiming restrictions	New rule
55113 55114 55115	55126	Initial real time echo examination Suspected heart condition	CP, S, GP	Cannot be claimed within 24 months if a service associated under items 55127, 55128, 55129, 55132, 55133, 55134 and 55137 is provided	55135 (subgroup 2)	New multiple service rule applies when claimed with stress echo within this subgroup.
55114	55127	Serial real time echo examination (valvular dysfunction)	CP, S	CSANZ guidelines		
55114	55128	Serial real time echo examination valvular (Modified Monash 3-7)	GP	CSANZ guidelines		
55113	55129	Serial real time echo examination (known heart failure or structural heart disease)	CP, S	CSANZ guidelines		

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55115	55132	Serial real time echo examination (under 17 years or complex congenital heart disease)	CP, S	N/A	55135 (subgroup 2)	New multiple services rule applies when claimed with stress echo within this subgroup.
N/A	55133	Frequent repetition serial real time echo examination	CP, GP, S	N/A		
N/A	55134	Repeat real time echo examination (rare)	CP, S	N/A		
55115	55137	Serial real time echo examination (fetal)	CP, S	N/A		

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55126	Initial Suspected heart condition	(CP, GP, S)
55127	Repeat valve	(CP, S)
55128	Repeat valve	(GP)
55129	Repeat structural heart disease or those with known heart failure	(CP, S)
55132	Paediatric (under 17) or anyone with complex congenital heart disease	(CP, S)
55133	Frequent repetition for patients with isolated pericardial effusion or pericarditis; or who has commenced medication for non-cardiac purposes that have cardiotoxic side effects, and if the patient has a normal baseline study which requires echocardiograms to comply with the requirements of the PBS	(CP, GP, S)
55134	Repeat for rare presentations Does not fit criteria for other items.	(CP, S)
55137	Fetal (claimed against the mother) Suspected or known CHD.	(CP, S)