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## Introduction

The Australian Department of Human Services has published a new Medicare Benefits Schedule, effective 01 August 2020 that includes a large number of changes for Cardiac Imaging Services providers. These changes will promote high-value use of electrocardiogram (ECG), echocardiogram, ambulatory ECG, ECG stress testing, myocardial perfusion studies and stress echocardiogram. The changes include:

- Deprecating a number of exam codes
- Replacing a number of exam codes with new codes, or multiple new codes
- Adding a number of new codes
- Modifying a small number of descriptors

Comrad has analysed all customer systems and confirmed that these changes may impact you.

***Please carefully read the Medicare online resources, COMRAD changes required, and “how-to” instructions in this document. It will guide you through the actions you need to take prior to 01 August 2020.***

If you need further assistance, please contact our Support team on 1800 659 643, [helpdesk@comrad.com.au](mailto:helpdesk@comrad.com.au), or log into the Comrad online service portal <https://jira.comrad.com.au/servicedesk/>.

## Summary of Actions:

This is a summary of actions that are detailed in the following sections. These actions should be performed where required **in the order listed and prior to 01 August 2020**. Comrad is not able to back-date prices where these actions are not performed in the time prescribed; and are not able to implement other changes for you.

1. Review the MBS changes
2. Import the MBS 01 August 2020 into COMRAD
3. Complete exam details & activate any fully-new MBS codes you wish to use
4. Copy exam code details from codes being deprecated to new replacement exam codes and activate from 01 August 2020
5. Update MBS-derived Price Lists
6. Update/New Quick Codes to use new codes
7. Advise staff of the new codes to be used and any codes no longer available from 01 August 2020
8. Deactivate deprecated exam codes from 01 August 2020

# 1. Review the MBS Changes

- Review Medicare's MBS Changes Summary Page:

<http://www.mbsonline.gov.au/internet/mbsonline/publishing.nsf/Content/news-200801%20>

- Review Medicare's Fact Sheets where necessary:

<http://www.mbsonline.gov.au/internet/mbsonline/publishing.nsf/Content/Factsheet-CardiacServices1Aug20>

- Compile the following lists, which you will need for the actions in later sections:

- i. Any fully-new MBS codes you wish to activate (see table in [Appendix I](#))
- ii. Exam codes you use that are being deprecated & replaced with new codes (see mapping table in [Appendix II](#))
- iii. Exam codes that are being deprecated and are not being replaced with new codes (see table in [Appendix III](#))

*Optionally:*

- iv. Exam codes with description changes (see table in [Appendix V](#))

## 2. Download & Import the 01 August 2020 MBS into COMRAD

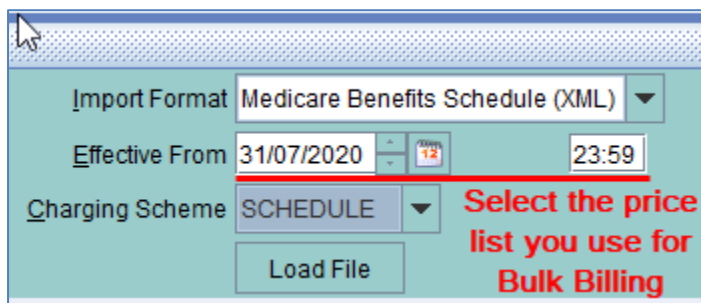
Step-by-step instructions are available in [Appendix VI](#). Please use if unsure as it is important that you get this step right.

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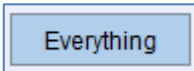
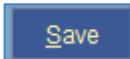
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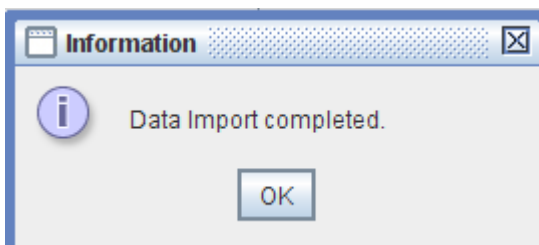
<http://www.mbsonline.gov.au/internet/mbsonline/publishing.nsf/Content/downloads-200801>

- In COMRAD, open Exam > Maintenance > Import Price Schedule and set the filter fields:



- Click Load File, and choose 200801-XML.xml from your desktop

- Click on any row in the table, click the  button, then click the  button. Leave the screen open until your data import is completed:

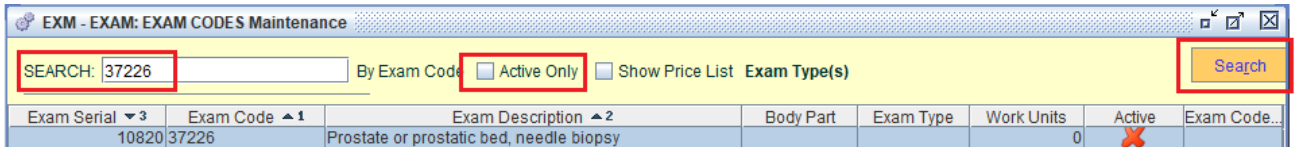


- Close the importer and check your new prices in Exam > Maintenance > Single Pricing Scheme

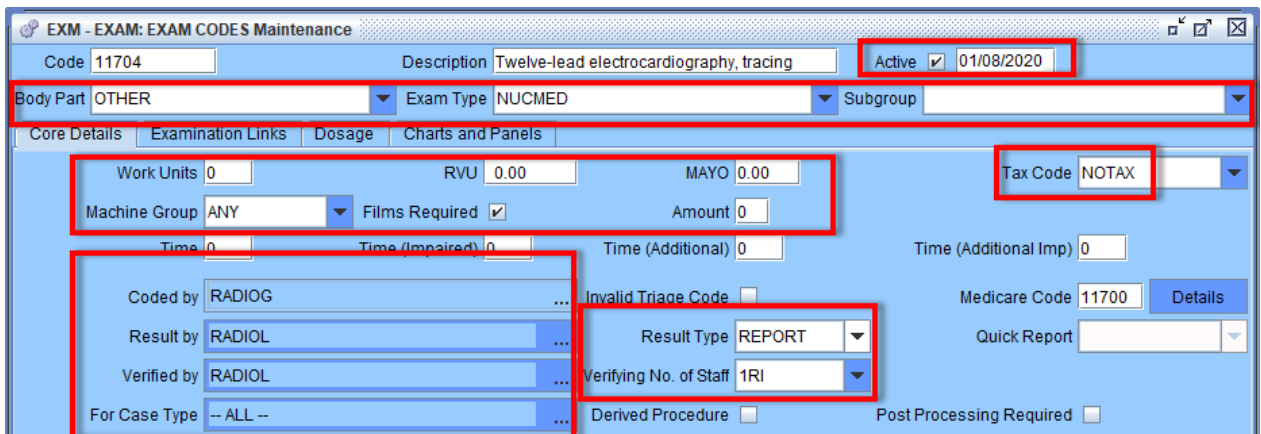
### 3. Complete Exam Details & Activate Fully-New MBS Codes

**Please be aware that once you activate these codes, users will be able to see them in COMRAD but they will not be able to bill them for visits dated earlier than 01/08/2020.**

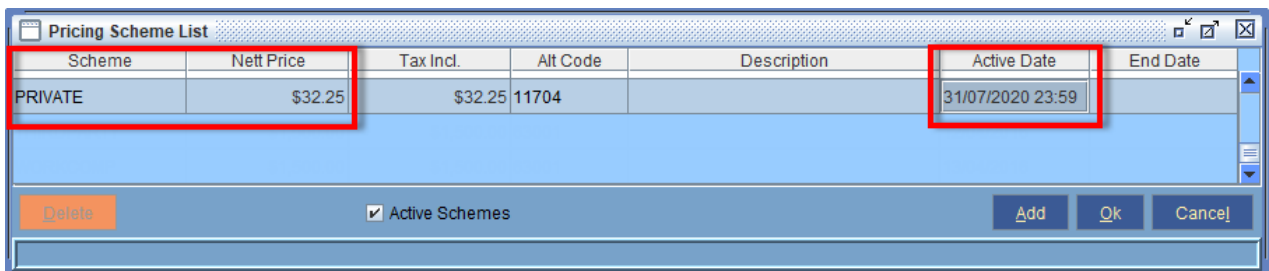
- Review the list you compiled in Section 1 above. If you have no fully-new MBS codes you wish to use, skip this section and go to the next section
- If you have one or more fully- new codes to enable, open Exam > Maintenance > Exam Codes, **untick the “Active” checkbox**, and search for the code:



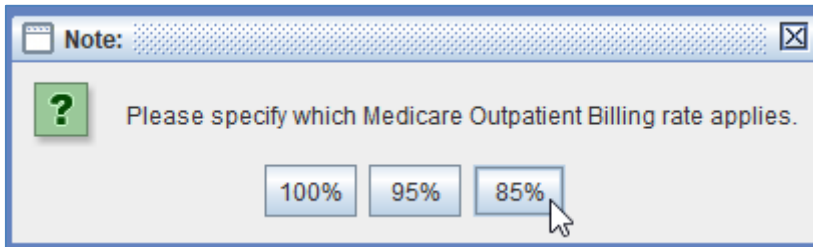
- Click the “Details” button to edit it: Tick the “Active” checkbox, **change the Active date to 01/08/2020**:
- Enter all other examination code data required for use in your system, **including the Subgroup** where you have charge rules that calculate price alterations this way:



- If you intend to use this code with case types / charge rules / organisations linked to other pricing schemes, click the **Scheme List** button, click the Add button, select the pricing scheme, enter the price, **set the Active Date to 31/07/2020 23:59**. Continue clicking “Add” or each price list, and click OK when you’re finished entering the prices.



- ❑ Click the "Save" button in the exam code then click the applicable Bulk Billing Outpatient Rate button in the popup panel:
  1. 100% for MRI items
  2. 95% for all other Diagnostic Imaging Items
  3. 85% for all items not included in groups 1 & 2 above



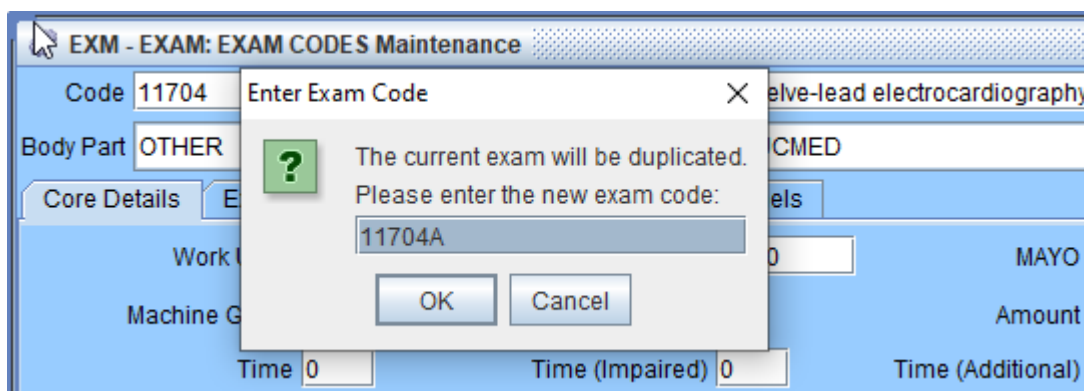
- ❑ Click the "Save" button in the exam screen, then repeat these steps for each code being activated.



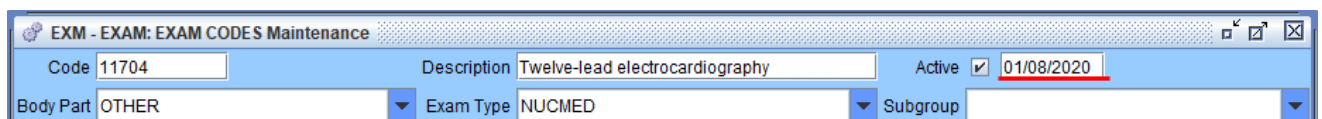
## 4. Complete Exam Details & Activate Replacement MBS Codes

**Please be aware that once you activate these codes, users will be able to see them in COMRAD but they will not be able to bill them for visits dated earlier than 01/08/2020.**

- ❑ Review the list you compiled in Section 1 above. For each of the new MBS codes that replace an existing code you are using, follow the instructions in the previous section to complete and enable the code.
- ❑ Open another exam code maintenance screen, open the current code that is being deprecated and sit the screens side-by-side so you can easily copy configuration from the existing code to the new code. **Remember to set the Active Date to 01/08/2020** for each code and **31/07/2020 23:59** for each additional price list that you update.
- ❑ **If you have more than one version of the existing code eg. 11704A:** For example, new code 11704 will be replacing codes 11700 and 11700A on your system. Activate and complete code 11704 per previous instructions.
- ❑ Click Save, then click the **Duplicate** button to create a copy. Enter code 11704A and click OK:



- ❑ Edit the description to include any other required changes, **edit the Active date to 01/08/2020** (this doesn't duplicate), change any other fields required, and save the code:



- ❑ Repeat the Duplicate step for as many versions of the base code that you need.

**NOTE: The duplication of exam codes is only required where Medicare allow the same item to be billed multiple times on the same day.**

## 5. Update Other Price Lists

If you have any pricing schemes that are indexed from the MBS price list, you will need to update them bring in the new item codes and the updated prices.

Do this as you normally would for an MBS update. If you need instructions, please contact Comrad Support.

If you need to update your **Rebate Price Scheme**, download the file and supporting documentation from the Comrad Website [here](#)

## 6. Add New / Update Quick Codes

Where you are using MBS codes in Quick Codes, you may need to update these where an existing code has been replaced by a new code, or where you wish to add one of Medicare's fully-new codes into a quick code. If you're unsure, you can contact Comrad Support and they will send you a list of affected Quick Codes on your system:

- If doing this prior to 01 August 2020**, you will need to create additional replacement versions of existing quick codes so that the current quick codes are still available for use.
- If doing this on or after 01 August 2020**, you may edit the existing quick code to change the old item code(s) to the new item code(s). **Note, it is recommended that these changes are done prior to the start of business on 01 August 2020.**

## 6. Add New / Update Other Codes / Code Mappings

Where exam codes are used for Report Accelerator Mappings, or PS360 Autotext mappings, correct these to use the updated exam codes as applicable. Please contact Comrad if you require assistance with this.

## 7. Update Your Staff on new Codes & Workflows

Given the number of changes likely for your staff, it is recommended that you give prior notice and distribute cheatsheets for staff detailing previous coding requirements and new coding requirements.

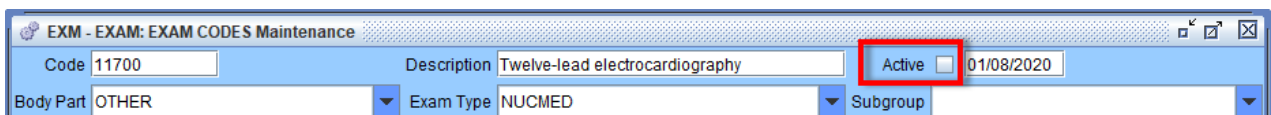
## 8. Deactivate Deprecated Exam Codes From 01 August 2020

**Please do this first thing on Saturday 01 August or as soon as possible after that date.**

**The deactivated date will be set to 01/08/2020 which means these codes will still be available for coding changes for re-subs for visits dated prior to 01/08 where necessary.**

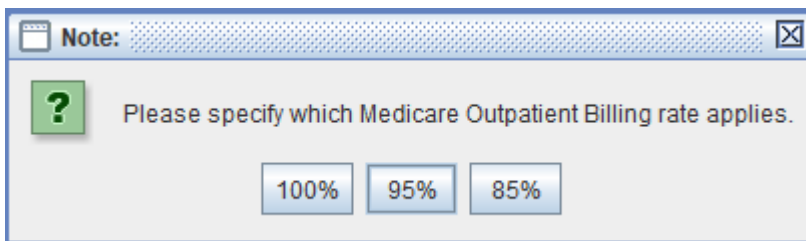
Review the lists you compiled in Section 1 above. For all codes you use that are being deprecated and replaced – and for all codes you use that are being deprecated and not replaced:

- ❑ Open Exam > Maintenance > Exam Codes, search for the code, click Details, **untick the “Active” checkbox:**



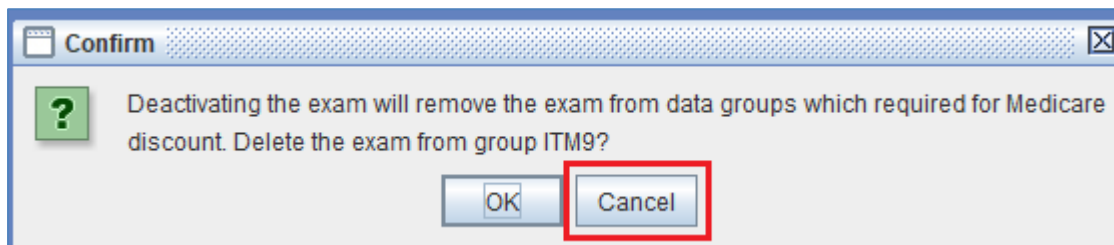
The screenshot shows the 'EXM - EXAM: EXAM CODES Maintenance' window. The 'Code' field contains '11700', the 'Description' is 'Twelve-lead electrocardiography', and the 'Active' checkbox is unchecked. The 'Deactivated Date' field is set to '01/08/2020'. Other fields include 'Body Part' (OTHER), 'Exam Type' (NUCMED), and 'Subgroup'.

- ❑ Click Save, click the applicable outpatient billing rate button on the popup:



The screenshot shows a 'Note' dialog box with a green question mark icon. The text reads: 'Please specify which Medicare Outpatient Billing rate applies.' Below the text are three buttons: '100%', '95%', and '85%'.

- ❑ **Click Cancel (not OK):**



The screenshot shows a 'Confirm' dialog box with a green question mark icon. The text reads: 'Deactivating the exam will remove the exam from data groups which required for Medicare discount. Delete the exam from group ITM9?'. Below the text are two buttons: 'OK' and 'Cancel'. The 'Cancel' button is highlighted with a red box.

## Appendix I. Fully-new MBS Codes From 01 August 2020

This table is provided FYI only. Medicare's publications should be the basis of any decisions you make.

The following codes have been introduced by Medicare and have no prior-code equivalents:

| <b>Electrocardiography (ECG) Changes</b> |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <b>New Items</b>                         | <b>Item Description</b>   | <b>Overview</b>  |
| 11714                                    | Twelve-lead electrocardiography, performing a trace and interpretation          | : Introducing a new item for specialist and consultant physician use for performing an ECG trace and reporting, which can be claimed in conjunction with a consultation if clinically required.  |
| <b>Echocardiograph Changes</b>           |   |  |
| <b>New Items</b>                         | <b>Item Description</b>   | <b>Overview</b>  |
| 55133                                    | Frequent repetition serial real time echocardiographic examination of the heart | A new item created as part of the restructure of echocardiograph items to align with clinical guidelines and reduce low value care. The new structure reflects the need for specific clinical indications for repeat studies. A service provided under item 55133 is for a frequent repetition serial real time echocardiographic examination of the heart for a patient with two specific clinical indications  |
| 55134                                    | Repeat real time echocardiographic examination of the heart                     | A new item created as part of the restructure of echocardiograph items to align with clinical guidelines and reduce low value care. The new structure reflects the need for specific clinical indications for repeat studies, a service provided under item 55134 is for repeat real time echocardiographic examination for rare cases that do not meet the requirements of the other echocardiographic items 55127, 55128, 55129, 55132, 55133 or 55137 |

| <b>Stress Echocardiography Changes</b>                             |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <b>New Items</b>   | <b>Item Description</b>  | <b>Overview</b>  |
| 55143  | Repeat pharmacological or exercise stress echocardiography   | A new item created as a part of a restructure stress echocardiography to better describe the indications for these tests and reduce low value care. A service provided under new item 55143 is for either a pharmacological stress echocardiography, or an exercise stress echocardiography, for a patient who has either one or more symptoms of typical or atypical angina, or one or more indications related to cardiac ischemia and has had a previous stress echocardiogram in the previous 24 months.   |
| 55146  | Pharmacological stress echocardiography following a failed exercise stress echocardiograph.                            | A new item created as a part of a restructure stress echocardiography to better describe the indications for these tests and reduce low value care. A service provided under new item 55146 is for a pharmacological stress echocardiography for a patient who has failed an exercise stress test provided under item 55141 within the previous 4 weeks.   |
| <b>Myocardial perfusion study (MPS) changes (nuclear medicine)</b> |  |  |
| <b>New Items</b>   | <b>Item Description</b>  | <b>Overview</b>  |
| 61321  | Single rest myocardial perfusion study for assessment in people with known disease (technetium-99m (Tc-99m) protocol). | A new item created as a part of the complete restructure of myocardial perfusion studies (MPS) to better describe the indications for these tests and reduce low value testing. A service provided under new item 61321 is for the single rest MPS for the assessment of extent and severity of viable and non-viable heart tissue (myocardium). This item allows the use of a single rest technetium-99m (Tc-99m) protocol. A myocardial perfusion study is claimable once every 2 years, consisting of 1 combined study (rest & stress) or 1 rest study and 1 stress study (except when a thallous chloride-201 (TI-201) protocol is used for single rest MPS which can be claimed twice in a 24 hour period). |
| 61324  | Single stress myocardial perfusion study for assessment of cardiac ischaemia   | A new item created as a part of the restructure of myocardial perfusion studies (MPS) to better describe the indications for these tests and reduce low value testing. A service provided under new item 61324 is for the single stress MPS for assessment of cardiac ischemia. A myocardial perfusion study is claimable once every 2 years, consisting of 1 combined study (rest & stress) or 1 rest study and 1 stress study.   |

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|-------|---|---|
| 61325 | Single rest myocardial perfusion study for assessment in people with known disease (thallous chloride-201 (TI-201) protocol). | A new item created as a part of the complete restructure of myocardial perfusion studies (MPS) to better describe the indications for these tests and reduce low value testing. A service provided under new item 61325 is for the single rest MPS for the assessment of extent and severity of viable and non-viable heart tissue (myocardium). This item allows the use of an initial rest study followed by redistribution study, later the same day, with or without 24 hour imaging, with thallous chloride-201 (TI-201). A myocardial perfusion study is claimable once every 2 years, consisting of 1 combined study (rest & stress) or 1 rest study and 1 stress study (except when a thallous chloride-201 (TI-201) protocol is used for single rest MPS which can be claimed twice in a 24 hour period) |
| 61349 | Repeat combined stress and rest myocardial perfusion study  | A new item created as a part of the restructure of myocardial perfusion studies (MPS) to better describe the indications for these tests and reduce low value testing. A service provided under item 61349 is for a repeat combined stress and rest MPS for a person who has a previous MPS under item 61345 and has undergone a revascularisation procedure (such as coronary artery bypass graft or stenting) and cardiac ischaemic symptoms have evolved.  |
| 61357 | Single stress myocardial perfusion study for assessment of cardiac ischaemia (GP)   | A new item created as a part of the restructure of myocardial perfusion studies (MPS) to better describe the indications for these tests and reduce low value testing. A service provided under new item 61357 is for the single stress MPS for assessment of cardiac ischemia requested by a medical practitioner, other than a specialist or consultant physician. A myocardial perfusion study is claimable once every 2 years, consisting of 1 combined study (rest & stress) or 1 rest study and 1 stress study.   |

## Appendix II. MBS New Replacement Codes-to-Deprecated Codes Mapping

These tables are provided FYI only. Medicare's publications should be the basis of any decisions you make.

The following new item codes replace existing item codes:

| <b>Electrocardiography (ECG) Changes</b> |  |   |                      |  |   |
|--|--|---|----------------------|--|---|
| <b>New Items</b>                         | <b>Item Description</b>  | <b>Overview</b>   | <b>Deleted Items</b> | <b>Item Description</b>  | <b>Overview</b>   |
| 11704                                    | Twelve-lead electrocardiography, tracing and report  | Introduced as part of the restructure of ECG items to promote high value clinical use and to clarify that the item is intended for use by third party providers and is not to be claimed in association with a consultation or within the hospital setting. This item can only be claimed by a specialist or consultant physician. This item supersedes item 11700. | 11700                | Twelve-lead electrocardiography, tracing and report            | This item is now deleted and services under this item are expected to be claimed under item 11704.  |
| 11705                                    | Twelve-lead electrocardiography, report only where the tracing has been forwarded to a specialist or consultant physician, not in association with a consultation on the same occasion | Introduced as part of the restructure of ECG items to promote best practice care and to provide clarity on the appropriate use of this item. This item can only be claimed by a specialist or consultant physician. This item supersedes item 11701   | 11701                | Twelve-lead electrocardiography, report                        | This item is now deleted and services under this item are expected to be claimed under item 11705.  |
| 11707                                    | Twelve-lead electrocardiography, tracing only  | Introduced as part of the restructure of ECG items to clarify the use of this item and allow access for medical practitioners, other than specialists and consultant physicians to a trace item. This item supersedes item 11702.   | 11702                | Twelve-lead electrocardiography, tracing only                  | This item is now deleted and services under this item are expected to be claimed under item 11707   |
| 11716                                    | Continuous electrocardiography recording of a patient for 12 or more hours   | Introduced as part of the restructure of ambulatory ECG items to better describe the specific clinical indications for use of this item and better align  | 11708                | Continuous electrocardiography recording of ambulatory patient | This item is now obsolete and services under this item are expected to be claimed under item 11716. |

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|-------|---|---|-------|--|---|
|       |   | with current best practice. This item supersedes item 11709   | 11709 | Continuous electrocardiography recording of a patient for 12 or more hours | Services for this item have been amended and are expected to be claimed under items 11716.  |
| 11717 | Ambulatory ECG monitoring, patient activated, single or multiple event recording, utilising a memory recording device which is connected continuously to the patient for between 7 and 30 days.       | Restructure of ambulatory ECG items to align with modern practice and promote high value use. This new item provides for technology that can capture cardiac events between 7 and 30 days. The fee has been increased from the deleted item 11710 to reflect the longer time for monitoring and additional data collection for reporting.   | 11710 | Ambulatory electrocardiography monitoring                                  | Services for this item have been restructured into two new items and are expected to be claimed under items 11717 and 11723   |
|       |   |   | 11711 | Ambulatory electrocardiography monitoring                                  | Services for this item have been restructured into two new items and are expected to be claimed under items 11717 and 11723   |
| 11723 | Ambulatory electrocardiography monitoring, patient activated, single or multiple event recording, utilising a memory recording device which is connected continuously to the patient for up to 7 days | Restructure of the ambulatory electrocardiography (ECG) items to align with modern practice and promote high value use. This new item provides for technology that can capture cardiac events up to 7 days  | 11710 | Ambulatory electrocardiography monitoring                                  | Services for this item have been restructured into two new items and are expected to be claimed under items 11717 and 11723   |
|       |   |   | 11711 | Ambulatory electrocardiography monitoring                                  | Services for this item have been restructured into two new items and are expected to be claimed under items 11717 and 11724   |
| 11729 | Multi-channel electrocardiography monitoring and recording during exercise  | Introduced as part of the restructure of ambulatory electrocardiography (ECG) items to better clarify the clinical indications for use of this item and to promote high value care. This item is restricted to once every 2 years, but the restriction also includes myocardial perfusion studies (nuclear medicine studies) and stress echocardiogram tests in the 2 year period. The item is only claimable for persons 17 years and over | 11712 | Multi-channel ECG monitoring and recording during exercise                 | Services for this item have been restructured into two new items, one item for patients 17 years and over and one item for patients under 17 years of age. Services are now expected to be claimed under items 11729 and 11730. |
| 11730 | Multi-channel electrocardiography monitoring and recording during   | Introduced as part of the restructure of ambulatory electrocardiography (ECG) items to better clarify the clinical indications for use of this  |       |  |   |



|       |                                      |  |       |                              |  |
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|       | exercise for persons under 17 years. | item and to promote high value care. The item is only claimable for persons under 17 years.                                |       |                              |  |
| 11731 | Implanted ECG loop recording         | This item was introduced to promote high value care, a new 4 week restriction has been added to the superseded item 11722. | 11722 | Implanted ECG loop recording | Services for this item have been amended and are expected to be claimed under items 11731. |

**Echocardiograph Changes**

| <b>New Items</b> | <b>Item Description</b>                         | <b>Overview</b>   | <b>Deleted Items</b> | <b>Item Description</b>  | <b>Overview</b>  |
|------------------|---|---|----------------------|--|--|
| 55126            | Initial real time echocardiographic examination | A new item created as part of the complete restructure of echocardiograph items to align with clinical guidelines and reduce low value care. This item will provide access to a baseline initial echocardiographic examination that is an entry point for adult patients (except those with complex congenital heart disease) who may require ongoing echocardiographic examinations. A service under item 55126 is restricted to two years. If more frequent echocardiograms are required then additional repeat items allow for more frequent services for specific indications in line with accepted clinical guidelines | 55113                | M-mode and 2 dimensional real time echocardiographic examination | Services under item 55113 are now expected to be claimed under new items 55126 or 55129. A new item created as part of the complete restructure of echocardiograph items to align with clinical guidelines and reduce low value care. This item will provide access to a baseline initial echocardiographic examination that is an entry point for adult patients (except those with complex congenital heart disease) who may require ongoing echocardiographic examinations. A service under item 55126 is restricted to two years. If more frequent echocardiograms are required then additional repeat items allow for more frequent services for specific indications in line with accepted clinical guidelines |
|                  |   |   | 55114                | M-mode and 2 dimensional real time echocardiographic examination | Services under item 55114 are now expected to be claimed under new items 55126, 55127 or 55128   |
|                  |   |   | 55115                | M-mode and 2 dimensional real time                               | Services under item 55115 are now expected to be   |

|       |   |  |       |   |  |
|-------|---|--|-------|---|--|
|       |   |  |       | echocardiographic examination   | claimed under new items 55126, 55132 or 55137  |
| 55127 | Serial real time echocardiographic examination of the heart for valvular dysfunction requested by a specialist or consultant physician.                               | A new item created as part of the restructure of echocardiograph items to align with clinical guidelines and reduce low value care. The new structure reflects the need for specific clinical indications for repeat studies. This item will provide access to a repeat serial valve investigation requested by a specialist or consultant physician. This service would require examination of the whole heart, including cardiac valves and ventricular function.                                | 55114 | M-mode and 2 dimensional real time echocardiographic examination                      | Services under item 55114 are now expected to be claimed under new items 55126, 55127 or 55128 |
| 55128 | Serial real time echocardiographic examination of the heart for valvular dysfunction requested by medical practitioners in a Modified Monash Model (MMM) 3 to 7 area. | A new item created as part of the restructure of echocardiograph items to align with clinical guidelines and reduce low value care. The new structure reflects the need for specific clinical indications for repeat studies. The service provided under item 55128 is identical to the service under item 55127 except the service must be requested by a medical practitioner (other than a specialist or consultant physician) that is located within a Modified Monash Model (MMM) 3 to 7 area | 55114 | M-mode and 2 dimensional real time echocardiographic examination                      | Services under item 55114 are now expected to be claimed under new items 55126, 55127 or 55129 |
| 55129 | Serial real time echocardiographic examination of the heart related to known heart failure or structural heart disease  | A new item created as part of the restructure of echocardiograph items to align with clinical guidelines and reduce low value care. The new structure reflects the need for specific clinical indications for repeat studies. A service provided under item 55129 is for a repeat echocardiographic examination of the heart related to known heart failure or structural heart  | 55113 | Deleted item 55113 – M-mode and 2 dimensional real time echocardiographic examination | Services under item 55113 are now expected to be claimed under new items 55126 or 55129        |

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|  |   | disease, excluding valvular dysfunction   |                      |  |  |
| 55132                                  | Serial real time echocardiographic examination of the heart for a person who is under 17 years or for people with complex congenital heart disease. | A new item created as part of the restructure of echocardiograph items to align with clinical guidelines and reduce low value care. The new structure reflects the need for specific clinical indications for repeat studies. A service under item 55132 is for a serial real time echocardiographic examination for paediatric patients who are under 17 years old, or for patients of any age with complex congenital heart disease. This item can be claimed for initial and repeat investigations for all patients under 17 years of age (specialist paediatric cardiologist) and adults with complex congenital heart disease (adult congenital heart disease specialist). | 55115                | M-mode and 2 dimensional real time echocardiographic examination | Services under item 55115 are now expected to be claimed under new items 55126, 55132 or 55137 |
| 55137                                  | Serial real time echocardiographic examination of the heart of a fetus.   | A new item created as part of the restructure of echocardiograph items to align with clinical guidelines and reduce low value care. The new structure reflects the need for specific clinical indications for repeat studies, a service provided under item 55137 is for serial real time echocardiographic examination of the fetal heart suspected of having complex congenital cardiac disease or previously confirmed complex congenital heart disease.   | 55115                | M-mode and 2 dimensional real time echocardiographic examination | Services under item 55115 are now expected to be claimed under new items 55126, 55132 or 55137 |
| <b>Stress Echocardiography Changes</b> |   |   |                      |  |  |
| <b>New Items</b>                       | <b>Item Description</b>   | <b>Overview</b>   | <b>Deleted Items</b> | <b>Item Description</b>  | <b>Overview</b>  |

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|-------|---|--|-------|---|---|
| 55141 | Exercise stress echocardiography focused stress study | Exercise stress echocardiography focused study if ; (a) the service involves all of the following: (i) two-dimensional recordings before exercise (baseline) from at least 2 acoustic windows; and (ii) matching recordings at or immediately after peak exercise, which include at least parasternal short and long axis views, and apical 4-chamber, 2 chamber and long axis views; and (iii) recordings on digital media with equipment permitting display of baseline and matching peak images on the same screen; and (iv) resting electrocardiogram and continuous multi-channel electrocardiogram monitoring and recording during stress; and (v) blood pressure monitoring and the recording of other parameters; and (b) cannot be claimed if a service associated with a service to which item 55143, 55145 or 55146 is provided in the previous 24 months; and (c) not being a service associated with a service to which item 11704, 11705, 11707, 11714, 11729 or 11730 applies | 55116 | Exercise stress echocardiography        | Services under item 55116 are now expected to be claimed under new item 55141 |
| 55145 | Pharmacological stress echocardiography               | A new item created as a part of a restructure stress echocardiography to better describe the indications for these tests and reduce low value care. A service provided under new item 55145 is for a pharmacological stress echocardiography for a patient who has specific clinical indications.  | 55117 | Pharmacological stress echocardiography | Services under item 55117 are now expected to be claimed under new item 55145 |

| <b>Myocardial perfusion study (MPS) changes (nuclear medicine)</b> |  |   |                      |   |  |
|--|--|---|----------------------|---|--|
| <b>New Items</b>   | <b>Item Description</b>  | <b>Overview</b>   | <b>Deleted Items</b> | <b>Item Description</b>                             | <b>Overview</b>  |
| 61329  | Combined stress and rest myocardial perfusion study for assessment of cardiac ischaemia (GP)                                 | A new item created as a part of the restructure of myocardial perfusion studies (MPS) to better describe the indications for these tests and reduce low value testing. A service provided under item 61329 is for a combined stress and rest MPS for assessment of cardiac ischaemia requested by a medical practitioner (other than a specialist or consultant physician). A myocardial perfusion study is claimable once every 2 years, consisting of 1 combined study (rest & stress) or 1 rest study and 1 stress study | 61306                | Combined stress and rest myocardial perfusion study | This service provided under this item would now be expected to be claimed under new item 61329 (for medical practitioner other than specialist) or 61345 (for specialist or consultant physician)  |
|  |  |   | 61307                | Combined stress and rest myocardial perfusion study | This service provided under this item would now be expected to be claimed under new item 61329 (for medical practitioner other than specialist) or 61345 (for specialist or consultant physician). |
| 61345  | Combined stress and rest myocardial perfusion study for assessment of cardiac ischaemia (specialist or consultant physician) | A new item created as a part of the restructure of myocardial perfusion studies (MPS) to better describe the indications for these tests and reduce low value testing. A service provided under item 61345 is for a combined stress and rest MPS for assessment of cardiac ischaemia (when requested by a specialist or consultant physician). A myocardial perfusion study is claimable once every 2 years, consisting of 1 combined study (rest & stress) or 1 rest study and 1 stress study                              | 61306                | Combined stress and rest myocardial perfusion study | This service provided under this item would now be expected to be claimed under new item 61329 (for medical practitioner other than specialist) or 61345 (for specialist or consultant physician). |
|  |  |   | 61307                | Combined stress and rest myocardial perfusion study | This service provided under this item would now be expected to be claimed under new item 61329 (for medical practitioner other than specialist) or 61345 (for specialist or consultant physician). |

## Appendix III. MBS Obsolete Codes (without replacements)

*These tables are provided FYI only. Medicare's publications should be the basis of any decisions you make.*

The following existing item codes are no longer available to use from 01 August 2020:

### **Deprecated Other Codes (without replacement items):**

| <b>Deprecated Items</b> | <b>Item Description</b>                          | <b>Overview</b>                                  |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| 61302                   | Single stress or rest myocardial perfusion study | The service provided under this item is obsolete |
| 61303                   | Single stress or rest myocardial perfusion study | The service provided under this item is obsolete |

## Appendix V. MBS Codes with Description Changes

*These tables are provided FYI only. Medicare's publications should be the basis of any decisions you make.*

The following existing item codes include description changes from 01 August 2020:

|                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Amend Items (12) | 11718 | 11721 | 11729 | 12203 | 12204 | 12205 | 12207 | 12208 | 12250 | 18365 | 73295 | 73344 |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|

## Appendix VI. Import the 01 August MBS into COMRAD

- In your web browser, navigate to the MBS Downloads page :

<http://www.mbsonline.gov.au/internet/mbsonline/publishing.nsf/Content/downloads-200801>

- Scroll down to the Data File section, hold your mouse over the MBS XML link as shown, *right-click*, and select “Save link as” (or your browser equivalent):

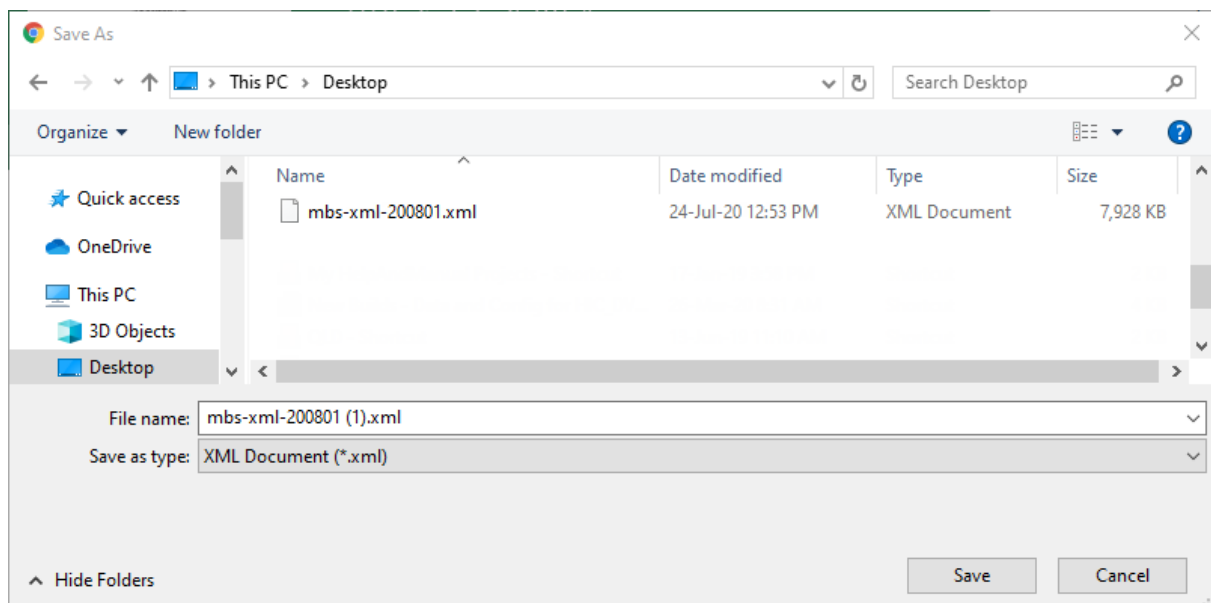
### August 2020 Data XML File last updated 23 July 2020

| File type | Download options                             |
|-----------|--|
| XML       | <a href="#">MBS XML 200801</a><br>(7,860 KB) |

### August 2020 Data XML File last updated 23 July 2020

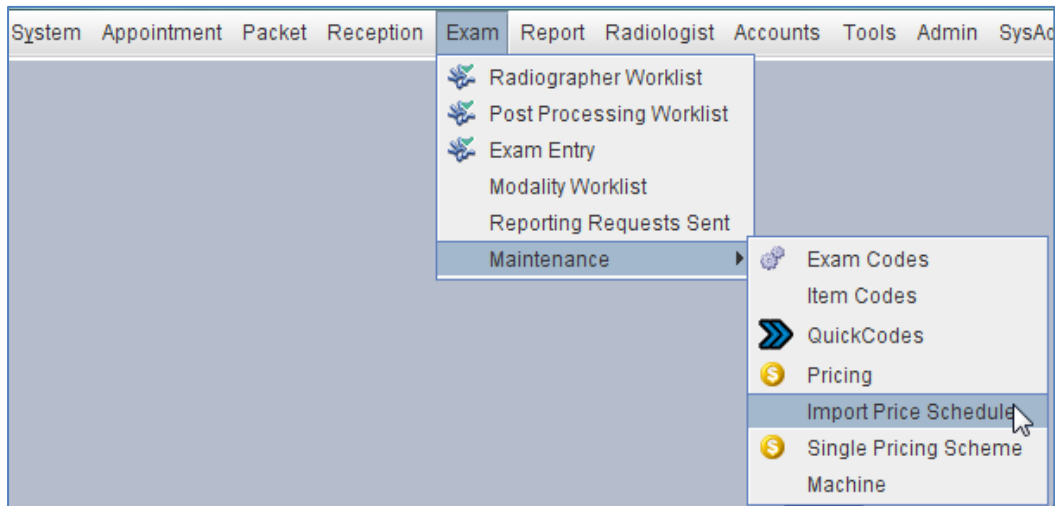
| File type | Download options                             | Notes   |
|-----------|--|---|
| XML       | <a href="#">MBS XML 200801</a><br>(7,860 KB) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Open link in new tab</li><li>Open link in new window</li><li>Open link in incognito window</li><li><b>Save link as...</b></li><li>Copy link address</li></ul> |

- In the “Save As” directory list, choose “Desktop” in the tree on the left-hand side, and click the “Save” button:

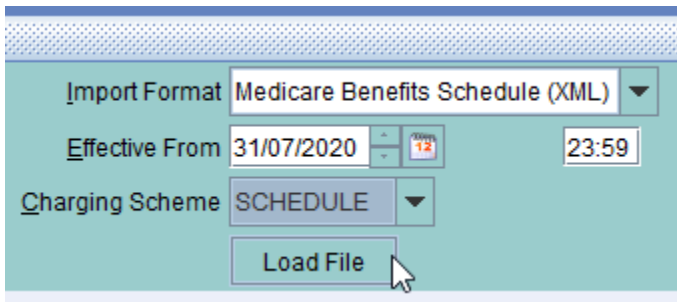




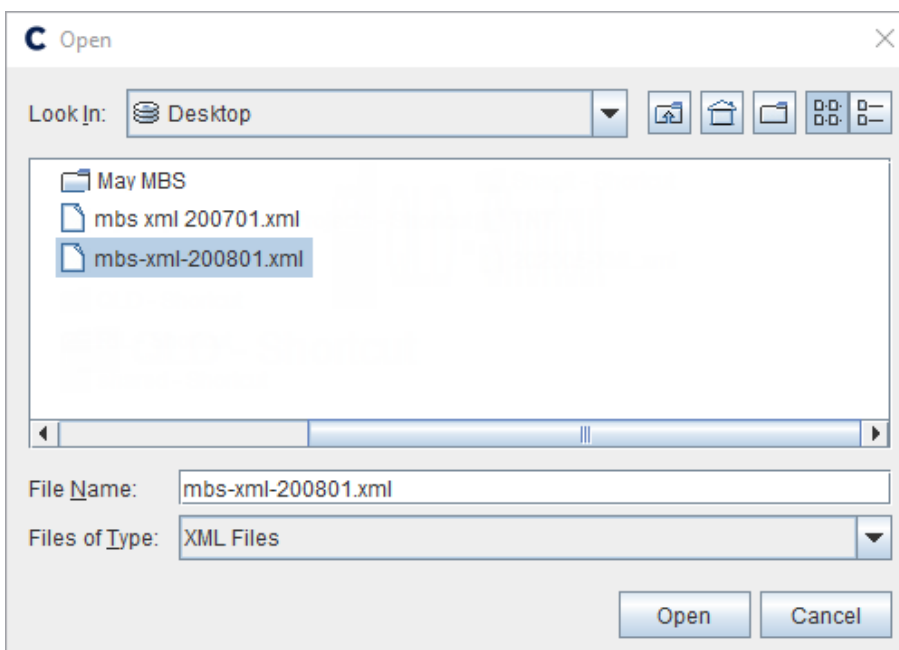
- In COMRAD, navigate to your “Import Price Schedule” screen:

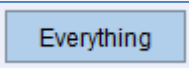


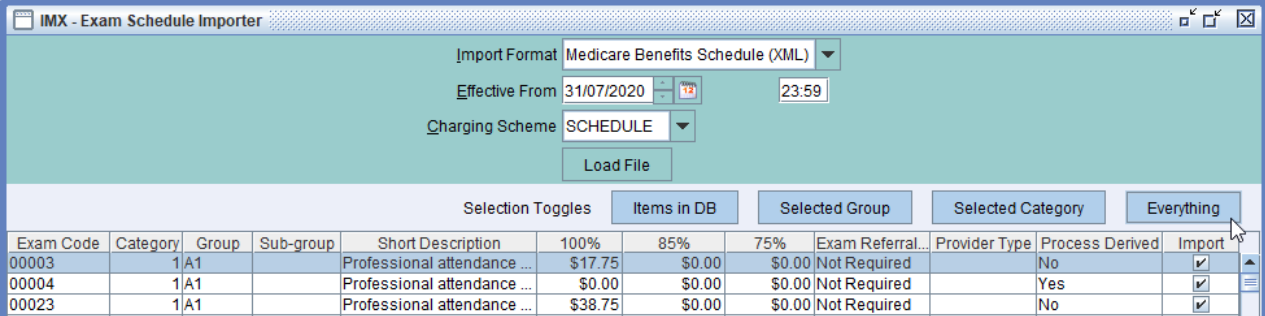
- Set “Import Format” to “**Medicare Benefits Schedule (XML)**”, set “Effective From” to **31/07/2020 23:59**, set “Charging Scheme” to the price list you use for your Medicare Bulk Billing, and click “Load File”:



- In the file-picker box, change the “Look In” folder to “Desktop”, click on mbs-xml-200801 (1).xml and click “Open”:

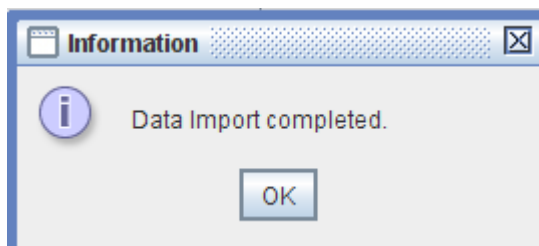


- Click on any row in the table, click the  button:



| Exam Code | Category | Group | Sub-group | Short Description           | 100%    | 85%    | 75%    | Exam Referral... | Provider Type | Process Derived | Import                              |
|-----------|----------|-------|-----------|-----------------------------|---------|--------|--------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 00003     | 1        | A1    |           | Professional attendance ... | \$17.75 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | Not Required     | No            | No              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 00004     | 1        | A1    |           | Professional attendance ... | \$0.00  | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | Not Required     | Yes           | Yes             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 00023     | 1        | A1    |           | Professional attendance ... | \$38.75 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | Not Required     | No            | No              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

- Click the  button. Leave the screen open until your data import is completed:



- Close the importer and check your new prices in Exam > Maintenance > Single Pricing Scheme

## Version Control

| Version | Date       | Author      | Section(s) | Change(s) |
|---------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| 1.0     | 24/07/2020 | Sandy Saraw | All        | Created.  |

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