



Please see the below email received today from the Department of Health:

## Department of Health email

Good afternoon,

As you are aware, the Government announced changes to the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items for thoracic medicine (respiratory and sleep studies) in the 2018-19 Budget. These changes will take effect on **1 November 2018**.

The revised structure of items are based on the recommendations of the independent MBS Review Taskforce, following a comprehensive review of the MBS items by clinicians, health system experts and consumers.

Attached are some communication materials about the changes – the following is provided:

- Fact sheets (high level and detailed fact sheets for both the respiratory and sleep study changes);
  - [Fact sheets sleep studies - cover letter](#)
  - 2. [Home based sleep studies](#)
  - 3. [Lab based sleep studies](#)
  - [Fact sheets Respiratory - cover letter](#)
  - 5. [Respiratory](#)
- [Quick reference tables](#) which provide a high level summary of the structure of the new and revised items;
- [Full list of the new and revised item descriptors](#); and
- [A Questions and Answers document](#).

The fact sheets and other resources will soon be published under the '[Factsheets](#)' tab on the MBS Online website at: [www.mbsonline.gov.au](http://www.mbsonline.gov.au).

For any enquiries about the listings, please contact the department at [surgicalservices@health.gov.au](mailto:surgicalservices@health.gov.au).

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