

MEDICARE OBSTETRICS SERVICES AND COSTS (Data from Medicare Australia website)

Item	Med. reimburs	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
OBSTETRICS												
<i>SERVICES</i>		1.578	1.553	1.492	1.457	1.479	1.441	1.418	1.429	1.432	1.499	1.524
<i>COST</i>		\$54.9m	\$57.7m	\$60.0m	\$62.5m	\$70.5m	\$72.1m	\$76.6m	\$141.6m	\$163.2m	\$185.1m	\$211.3m
1. Antenatal care												
a. routine												
16500	\$33.65*	1.427m	1.410m	1.354m	1.314m	1.322m	1.283m	1.260m	1.193m	1.160m	1.209m	1.209m
b. complicated												
16501	\$110.40*	-	-	-	98	250	281	270	274	342	352	361
16502	\$33.65*	6140	6601	5742	6048	5614	6066	5756	5409	5949	6769	6415
16504	\$33.65*	386	237	416	383	213	149	60	49	90	43	59
16505	\$33.65*	4723	4173	4051	4053	4238	3907	3328	3152	2844	2529	2884
16508	\$33.65*	6680	5508	5283	5282	6085	6102	6378	7245	6882	6109	7078
16509	\$33.65*	10517	8558	8336	8230	8873	8638	8284	8125	7238	7051	7097
16511	\$152.40*	368	355	325	358	365	342	348	340	353	390	412
16512	\$44.00*	197	175	172	185	191	188	185	170	206	195	205
16514 ¹	\$28.80*	28325	27752	28205	30528	32415	34183	35562	35886	38085	38255	41426
<i>Total services</i>		1.484m	1.463m	1.406m	1.369m	1.380m	1.342m	1.320m	1.255m	1.222m	1.272m	1.274m
<i>Total cost</i>		\$31.2m	\$31.2m	\$30.6m	\$30.8m	\$31.8m	\$33.2m	\$36.3m	\$55.7m	\$45.2m	\$50.1m	\$52.7m
c. management												
16590 ²	\$101.80*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76830	108732	119369	122975
<i>Cost</i>									\$44.48m	\$73.9m	\$88.8m	\$109.4m
16400 ³	\$19.50*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5916	22825
<i>Cost</i>											\$0.1m	\$0.5m

¹ Item for antenatal cardiotocography.

² This item was added in 2005 as a way of managing the cost-shifting by obstetricians to capitalise on the Medicare safety net.

³ By nurses and Aboriginal Health Workers.

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2. Labour and delivery												
16515	\$240.20#	195	119	79	93	86	60	66	64	54	77	72
16518	\$240.20#	361	306	257	355	334	255	300	332	329	277	334
16519	\$369.90#	74877	62470	50905	51790	58018	56903	55542	54631	57158	58065	57978
16520 ⁴	\$432.30#	750	578	302	363	401	249	259	288	263	297	312
16522	\$868.45#	-	8800	17633	19801	24613	25712	26879	27390	28472	29290	30959
<i>Total services</i>		<i>76183</i>	<i>72353</i>	<i>69176</i>	<i>72402</i>	<i>83452</i>	<i>83179</i>	<i>83044</i>	<i>82705</i>	<i>86276</i>	<i>88006</i>	<i>89655</i>
<i>Total cost</i>		<i>\$22.5m</i>	<i>\$25.4m</i>	<i>\$28.4m</i>	<i>\$30.6m</i>	<i>\$36.6m</i>	<i>\$37.8m</i>	<i>\$39.2m</i>	<i>\$40.3m</i>	<i>\$42.9m</i>	<i>\$44.7m</i>	<i>\$46.4m</i>
3. Postnatal care⁵												
16564		934	914	887	914	1141	1148	1196	1137	1093	1154	1131
16567		144	164	141	193	294	281	297	376	363	379	369
16570		9	11	4	4	16	11	8	12	6	8	13
16571		16	22	20	17	18	22	21	20	16	18	25
16573		163	139	149	155	187	195	218	209	199	224	286
<i>Total services</i>		<i>1266</i>	<i>1250</i>	<i>1201</i>	<i>1283</i>	<i>1656</i>	<i>1657</i>	<i>1740</i>	<i>1754</i>	<i>1677</i>	<i>1783</i>	<i>1824</i>
<i>Total cost</i>		<i>\$0.16m</i>	<i>\$0.16m</i>	<i>\$0.16m</i>	<i>\$0.17m</i>	<i>\$0.23m</i>	<i>\$0.24m</i>	<i>\$0.25m</i>	<i>\$0.27m</i>	<i>\$0.26m</i>	<i>\$0.28m</i>	<i>\$0.3m</i>

⁴ This item is for a Caesarian section, but C-sections can also be done under 16519 and 16522.

⁵ These items are only for surgical care after childbirth.

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4. Pregnancy specific diagnostic services⁶												
55700	\$51.00*	-	-	45282	123692	125043	130620	135000	150197	162827	175128	187044
59503	\$76.00*	840	537	313	228	151	130	128	103	65	53	66
66545	\$13.70*	-	51907	91539	98628	109414	114438	114865	122208	134162	141764	141229
73527	\$8.70*	218195	207623	210974	204126	203960	192853	185026	174728	169822	168219	167151
<i>Total services</i>		<i>219035</i>	<i>260067</i>	<i>348108</i>	<i>426674</i>	<i>438568</i>	<i>438041</i>	<i>435019</i>	<i>447236</i>	<i>466876</i>	<i>485164</i>	<i>495490</i>
<i>Total cost</i>		<i>\$1.9m</i>	<i>\$2.4m</i>	<i>\$5.2m</i>	<i>\$9.2m</i>	<i>\$9.5m</i>	<i>\$9.7m</i>	<i>\$10.0m</i>	<i>\$11.3m</i>	<i>\$12.2m</i>	<i>\$12.8m</i>	<i>\$13.6m</i>

* 85% of MBS fee (only 75% of fee is payable if these services are provided to an admitted patient)

75% of MBS fee

⁶ Not all of these services (especially 73527 – pregnancy test) would be ordered by obstetricians.