

Urine testing in asymptomatic patients

Amendment to MBS item 69333

From **1 July 2025**, Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) item for urine testing has been amended with the stated goal to better target the use of urine MCS testing.

This requires that asymptomatic urine testing be limited to cases with certain clinical indications.

This amendment states that urine testing and examination, including serial examinations, are only required when symptoms of a urinary tract infection or kidney disease are present.

These typically include painful urination and frequency of urination, but also non-urinary systemic presentations such as suspected sepsis, delirium, or fever of unknown origin.

Exceptions are specified patient groups who may be asymptomatic, including those who are:

- Pregnant
- Less than 16 years of age
- Recipients of renal transplants
- Suffering from recurrent urinary tract infections
- Being investigated or monitored for kidney disease
- Undergoing urinary tract instrumentation, urological procedures, or transurethral resection of the prostate