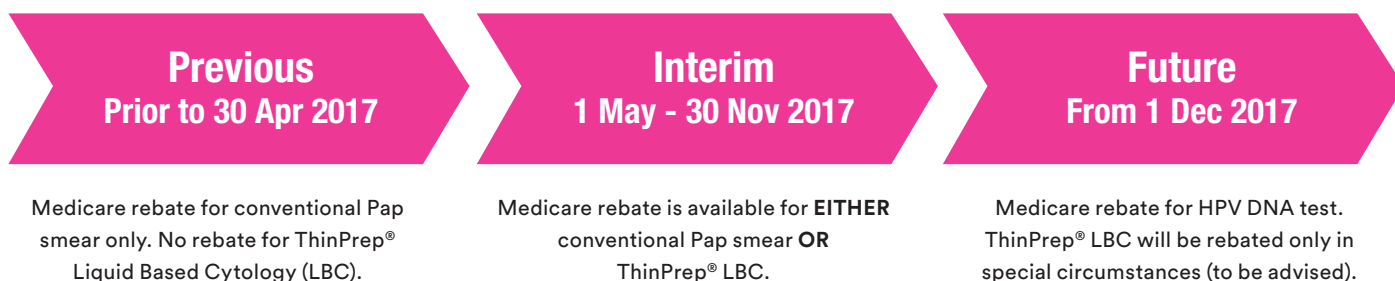


NATIONAL CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING UPDATE

Important Update & Screening Options

The renewed National Cervical Screening Program with a primary HPV DNA test has been delayed from 1 May to 1 Dec 2017. Until 30 Nov 2017, all eligible women aged 18-69 are encouraged to have their 2 yearly Pap smear and attend their follow-up appointment when due.

Cervical screening MBS items summary



Screening options we offer

1 May - 30 Nov 2017

Pap smear only	Medicare rebate available
ThinPrep® LBC only	Medicare rebate available
Pap smear + ThinPrep® LBC	Medicare rebate only available for one test so an out of pocket charge of \$50 may apply
HPV DNA only	Medicare rebate available if patient meets "test of cure" criteria
HPV DNA + ThinPrep® LBC	HPV DNA = \$65 Rebate will apply to ThinPrep® LBC

From 1 Dec 2017

Pap smear	No Medicare rebate
ThinPrep® LBC	Medicare rebate may apply under special circumstances
HPV DNA (High Risk)	Medicare rebate available

Changes to National Cervical Screening Program - Key Points

From 1 December 2017, the national cervical screening program will change significantly.

- Test & funding:**
 High risk HPV DNA test will be the only Medicare funded primary screening test. Reflex and symptomatic ThinPrep® LBC will be Medicare rebatable. ThinPrep® LBC can be bulk billed only in special circumstances. The conventional glass slide Pap smear will not be bulk billed.
- Sample collection:**
 Sample will be collected into a liquid based media e.g. ThinPrep® vial by a clinician. A clinician-supervised self-collect can be offered to women under special circumstances.
- Screening age & interval:**
 Asymptomatic women between the ages of 25 and 74 with a negative HPV DNA test will be screened every 5 years.
- Pap test register:**
 The National Cancer Screening Register will replace State and Territory registers.

We recommend that you send only a ThinPrep® sample due to the improved methodology associated with this medium and its recommended use for HPV Screening programmes. Tests previously requested with ThinPrep® can continue to be ordered.

