

Maternal Serum Screening Laboratory Charging Policy



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The following item numbers and charges apply to 1st and 2nd trimester biochemical screening.

66750 (First Trimester) Quantitation in pregnancy of any 2 analytes – 1 patient episode per pregnancy	Schedule Fee \$40.00	Benefit 85 % \$34.00
66751 (Second Trimester) Quantitation in pregnancy of any 3 or more analytes – 1 patient episode per pregnancy	Schedule Fee \$55.60	Benefit 85 % \$47.30

As a consequence, the following charge policies are applied:

- Referral of a private patient by a doctor from a private practice:
\$90.00 for both 1st and 2nd trimester screen. This involves out-of-pocket expenses. Patient Episode Initiation Fee (Item 73928 \$17.40) or Specimen Referral Fee (Item 73940 \$10.30) will be added if applicable.
- Public patient referred by a hospital:
1st trimester screen, the hospital will be charged \$90.00. There must be an agreement that the hospital will pay for the test.
2nd trimester screen is free of charge.
- Public patient referred by a doctor from a private practice (shared care):
1st trimester screen, the patient will be charged \$90.00.
2nd trimester screen, the patient will be charged \$55.60.

Test turn-around times

First trimester screening: 75% of results are issued within 2 working days from the laboratory receiving the 12-week ultrasound report, 95% within 7 days depending on sufficient information being provided.

Second trimester screening: 75% of results are issued from the day of specimen receipt within 4 days, 95% within 7 days depending on sufficient information being provided.

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