

Health Insurance Amendment (Administration) Act 2020

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[*Assented to 26 November 2020*]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 Short title

This Act is the *Health Insurance Amendment (Administration) Act 2020*.

2 Commencement

(1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

| Commencement information | | |
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| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 |
| Provisions | Commencement | Date/Details |
| 1. The whole of this Act | The day after this Act receives the Royal Assent. | 27 November 2020 |

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this Act.

(2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this Act. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this Act.

3 Schedules

Legislation that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Health and Other Services (Compensation) Act 1995

1 Subsection 3(1) (definition of *medicare benefit*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

***medicare benefit*** has the same meaning as in the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

2 Paragraph 42(1)(e)

Repeal the paragraph.

Health Insurance Act 1973

3 Subsection 3(1)

Repeal the following definitions:

(a) definition of ***Australian Capital Territory Health Authority***;

(b) definition of ***excessive diagnostic imaging service***;

(c) definition of ***My Health Record System Operator***;

(d) definition of ***participating optometrist***;

(e) definition of ***Pathology Services Table Committee***.

4 Subsection 3(1) (paragraph (c) of the definition of *professional service*)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

(c) a service to which an item relates, being a clinically relevant service that is rendered by an optometrist; or

5 Subsection 3(1)

Repeal the following definitions:

(a) definition of ***registered healthcare recipient***;

(b) definition of ***registered repository operator***.

6 Subsection 3(4A)

Repeal the subsection.

7 Subsection 3(5)

Omit “a participating optometrist,”, substitute “an optometrist”.

8 Subsections 3C(1A) and (1B)

Repeal the subsections.

9 Subsection 4(2)

Repeal the subsection.

10 Subsection 4AA(1)

Omit “(1)”.

11 Subsection 4AA(2)

Repeal the subsection.

12 Subsection 4A(1)

Omit “(1)”.

13 Subsection 4A(2)

Repeal the subsection.

14 Section 10C

Repeal the section.

15 Subsections 16(4) and (5)

Repeal the subsections.

16 Section 18

Repeal the section.

17 Section 19A

Repeal the section.

18 Sections 23A, 23B, 23D and 23DAA

Repeal the sections.

19 Subsection 23DZA(4)

Omit “, under subsection (4), specify”, substitute “specify as a shorter period for which the remote area exemption stays in force”.

20 Part V

Repeal the Part.

21 Subsection 81(1) (paragraph (c) of the definition of *practitioner*)

Repeal the paragraph.

22 Subsection 81(1) (paragraph (d) of the definition of *practitioner*)

Omit “other than a participating optometrist”.

23 Paragraph 92(2)(d)

Repeal the paragraph.

24 Paragraph 106U(1)(e)

Repeal the paragraph.

25 Subsection 124B(1) (paragraph (c) of the definition of *practitioner*)

Repeal the paragraph.

26 Subsection 124B(1) (paragraph (d) of the definition of *practitioner*)

Omit “other than a participating optometrist”.

27 Subsection 124B(3A)

Repeal the subsection.

28 Subsections 126(1) and (2)

Omit “, or but for subsection 18(4) would be,”.

29 Section 129A

Omit “participating”.

Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986

30 Subsection 93D(1) (definition of *pathology service*)

Omit “subsection 4A(1)”, substitute “section 4A”.

[*Minister’s second reading speech made in—*

*House of Representatives on 3 September 2020*

*Senate on 10 November 2020*]

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