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[Assented to 31 May 2024]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 Short title

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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		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. Sections 1 to 3 and anything in this Act not elsewhere covered by this table	The day this Act receives the Royal Assent.	31 May 2024
2. Schedule 1	The later of: (a) 1 November 2024; and (b) the day after this Act receives the Royal Assent.	1 November 2024 (paragraph (a) applies)

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted.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Legislation that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.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 Insurance Act 1973

1 Subsection 3(1) (paragraph (b) of the definition of *participating midwife*)

Omit “eligible midwife;”, substitute “eligible midwife.”.

2 Subsection 3(1) (definition of *participating midwife*)

Omit all the words after paragraph (b).

3 Subsection 3(1) (paragraph (b) of the definition of *participating nurse practitioner*)

Omit “eligible nurse practitioner;”, substitute “eligible nurse practitioner.”.

4 Subsection 3(1) (definition of *participating nurse practitioner*)

Omit all the words after paragraph (b).

National Health Act 1953

5 Section 84 (definition of *authorised midwife*)

Omit “, so far as the eligible midwife provides midwifery treatment in a collaborative arrangement or collaborative arrangements of a kind or kinds specified in a legislative instrument made by the Minister for the purposes of this definition, with one or more medical practitioners of a kind or kinds specified in the legislative instrument”.

6 Section 84 (definition of *authorised nurse practitioner*)

Omit “, so far as the eligible nurse practitioner provides nurse practitioner treatment in a collaborative arrangement or collaborative arrangements of a kind or kinds specified in a legislative instrument made by the Minister for the purposes of this definition, with one or more medical practitioners of a kind or kinds specified in the legislative instrument”.

*[Minister's second reading speech made in—
House of Representatives on 20 March 2024
Senate on 14 May 2024]*

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