

Health Legislation Amendment (Removal of Requirement for a Collaborative Arrangement) Act 2024

No. 33, 2024

An Act to amend the law relating to health, and for related purposes

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[*Assented to 31 May 2024*]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 Short title

 This Act is the *Health Legislation Amendment (Removal of Requirement for a Collaborative Arrangement) Act 2024*.

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Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted.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 Legislation that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.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