



Health Insurance Amendment (Midwives) Regulation 2013

Select Legislative Instrument No. 186, 2013

I, Quentin Bryce AC CVO, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, make the following regulation under the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

Dated 25 July 2013

Quentin Bryce
Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command

Tanya Plibersek
Minister for Health and Medical Research

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1 Name of regulation

This regulation is the *Health Insurance Amendment (Midwives) Regulation 2013*.

2 Commencement

This regulation commences on 1 September 2013.

3 Authority

This regulation is made under the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

4 Schedule(s)

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Health Insurance Regulations 1975

1 Paragraph 2C(1)(a)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

- (a) an arrangement under which the midwife:
 - (i) is employed or engaged by one or more obstetric specified medical practitioners, or by an entity that employs or engages one or more obstetric specified medical practitioners; or
 - (ii) has an agreement, in writing, with an entity, other than a hospital, that employs or engages one or more obstetric specified medical practitioners;

2 At the end of subregulation 2C(1)

Add:

- ; (e) an arrangement mentioned in regulation 2EA for the midwife.

3 At the end of regulation 2C

Add:

- (5) To avoid doubt, a collaborative arrangement may involve a specified medical practitioner who is in private practice or in the public sector.

4 After regulation 2E

Insert:

2EA Arrangement—midwife credentialed for a hospital

- (1) For paragraph 2C(1)(e), in relation to a hospital, an eligible midwife is:
 - (a) credentialed to provide midwifery services after successfully completing a formal process to assess the midwife's competence, performance and professional suitability; and

- (b) given clinical privileges for a defined scope of clinical practice for the hospital; and
 - (c) permitted to provide midwifery care to his or her own patients at the hospital.
- (2) The hospital must employ or engage one or more obstetric specified medical practitioners.