



## **Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Amendment Rules (No. 2) 2019**

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I, Julianne Quaine, delegate of the Minister for Health, make the following Rules.

Dated 26 February 2019

Julianne Quaine  
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Office of Health Technology Assessment  
Technology Assessment and Access Division  
Department of Health

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*Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Rules 2019 (No.1)*

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*Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Amendment Rules (No. 2) 2019*



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## **1 Name**

This instrument is the *Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Amendment Rules (No. 2) 2019*.

## **2 Commencement**

This instrument commences immediately after the commencement of the *Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Rules 2019 (No. 1)*.

## **3 Authority**

This instrument is made under item 4 of the table in section 333-20 of the *Private Health Insurance Act 2007*.

## **4 Schedules**

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

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## Schedule 1—Amendments

### *Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Rules 2019 (No. 1)*

#### 1 Rule 4

Insert:

*default minimum benefit* has the meaning given by subrule 9(5).

*Medicare Benefit item 38290* has the meaning given by subrule 9(5).

*sum of default minimum benefits* has the meaning given by subrule 9(5).

#### 2 Rule 9

Repeal Rule 9, substitute:

##### **9 Benefits for prostheses provided as part of hospital treatment**

- (1) For a no gap prosthesis provided as part of an episode of hospital treatment in a private hospital, the minimum benefit and the maximum benefit are each the amount for that prosthesis listed in the column in Schedule 1 under the heading ‘Minimum Benefit’.
  - (1A) For a no gap cardiac ablation catheter, mapping catheter for cardiac ablation or patch for cardiac ablation provided as part of an episode of hospital treatment in a private hospital and used in a surgical procedure described in Medicare Benefit item 38290, the minimum benefit and the maximum benefit for the prosthesis are as follows:
    - (a) if the sum of the default minimum benefits for the procedure in which the prosthesis was used is \$6399 or less, the minimum benefit and the maximum benefit are each the default minimum benefit for the prosthesis;
    - (b) if the sum of default minimum benefits for the procedure in which the prosthesis was used is more than \$6399, the minimum benefit and the maximum benefit are each to be calculated using the following method: divide the default minimum benefit for the prosthesis by the sum of the default minimum benefits for the procedure in which the prosthesis was used, and multiply the result by \$6399.
- Note: For example, if a cardiac ablation catheter, a mapping catheter for cardiac ablation and a patch for cardiac ablation each listed in Schedule 1 are used in a relevant procedure in accordance with any conditions, and the default minimum benefit of the cardiac ablation catheter is X, the default minimum benefit of the mapping catheter for cardiac ablation is Y, and the default minimum benefit of the patch for cardiac ablation is Z, the sum of the default minimum benefits for the procedure is (X+Y+Z). If the sum of the default minimum benefits for the procedure (X+Y+Z) is more than \$6399, the minimum benefit and maximum benefit for the cardiac ablation catheter is calculated by taking X, dividing it by (X+Y+Z), then multiplying the result by \$6399.
- (2) For a gap permitted prosthesis provided as part of an episode of hospital treatment in a private hospital:
    - (a) the minimum benefit is the amount for that prosthesis in the column in Schedule 1 under the heading ‘Minimum Benefit’; and

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- (b) the maximum benefit is the amount for that prosthesis in the column in Schedule 1 under the heading 'Maximum Benefit'.
- (3) For a no gap prosthesis provided as part of an episode of hospital treatment in a public hospital:
- (a) the minimum benefit is the lesser of the following amounts:
- (i) the amount for that prosthesis listed in the column under the heading 'Minimum Benefit' in Schedule 1; or
- (ii) the amount of the insured person's liability to the public hospital for that prosthesis; and
- (b) the maximum benefit is the amount for that prosthesis listed in the column under the heading 'Minimum Benefit' in Schedule 1.
- (3A) For a no gap cardiac ablation catheter, mapping catheter for cardiac ablation or patch for cardiac ablation, provided as part of an episode of hospital treatment in a public hospital and used in a surgical procedure described in Medicare Benefit item 38290:
- (a) the minimum benefit for the prosthesis is the lesser of:
- (i) the amount for that prosthesis calculated in accordance with subrule (3B); or
- (ii) the amount of the insured person's liability to the public hospital for that prosthesis; and
- (b) the maximum benefit is the amount for the prosthesis calculated in accordance with subrule (3B).
- (3B) The amount for a prosthesis calculated in accordance with this subrule is the following amount:
- (a) if the sum of default minimum benefits for the procedure in which the prosthesis was used is \$6399 or less, the amount is the default minimum benefit for the prosthesis;
- (b) if the sum of default minimum benefits for the procedure in which the prosthesis was used is more than \$6399, the amount is to be calculated as follows: divide the default minimum benefit for the prosthesis by the sum of the default minimum benefits for the procedure in which the prosthesis was used, and multiply the result by \$6399.
- Note: For example, if a cardiac ablation catheter, a mapping catheter for cardiac ablation and a patch for cardiac ablation each listed in Schedule 1 are used in a relevant procedure in accordance with any conditions, and the default minimum benefit of the cardiac ablation catheter is X, the default minimum benefit of the mapping catheter for cardiac ablation is Y, and the default minimum benefit of the patch for cardiac ablation is Z, the sum of the default minimum benefits for the procedure is (X+Y+Z). If the sum of the default minimum benefits for the procedure (X+Y+Z) is more than \$6399, the amount calculated in accordance with subrule (3B) for the cardiac ablation catheter is calculated by taking X, dividing it by (X+Y+Z), then multiplying the result by \$6399.
- (4) For a gap permitted prosthesis provided as part of an episode of hospital treatment in a public hospital:
- (a) the minimum benefit is the lesser of the following amounts:
- (i) the amount for that prosthesis listed in the column under the heading 'Minimum Benefit' in Schedule 1; or
- (ii) the amount of the insured person's liability to the public hospital for that prosthesis; and
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- (b) the maximum benefit is the amount for that prosthesis listed in the column under the heading ‘Maximum Benefit’ in Schedule 1.

Note: Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection 72-10(5) of the Act deal with the fixing of minimum and maximum benefits when the Minister is making or varying the Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Rules.

- (5) For the purposes of this Rule:  
the *default minimum benefit* for a prosthesis is the amount for that prosthesis listed in the Column in Schedule 1 under the heading ‘Minimum Benefit’;

*Medicare Benefit item 38290* means item 38290 in Group T8 of the *Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2018*.

the *sum of default minimum benefits* for a procedure is the sum of the default minimum benefits for each cardiac ablation catheter, mapping catheter for cardiac ablation and patch for cardiac ablation used in that procedure;

**3 Schedule 1, Part A (cell at table item with Billing Code MN237, column headed “Minimum Benefit”)**

Repeal “\$342.00”, substitute “\$43.00”.

**4 Schedule 1, Part A (cell at table item with Billing Code DE678, column headed “Condition”)**

Insert “Limited to use in patients with spinal tumours only.”

**5 Schedule 1, Part A (cell at table item with Billing Code DE679, column headed “Condition”)**

Insert “To be provided only to patients with Spinal Tumours”

**6 Schedule 1, Part A (cell at table item with Billing code DE680, column headed “Condition”)**

Insert “To be provided only to patients with Spinal Tumours”



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## 7 Schedule 1, at the end of Part C

Insert:

### 08.18 - Cardiac Ablation

#### 08.18.01 - Radio frequency (RF) Ablation

##### 08.18.01.01 - Ablation Catheter

**Abbott**

**ABBOTT MEDICAL AUSTRALIA PTY LTD.**

SJ409	FlexAbility Ablation Catheter	Sensor Enabled and Non-Sensor Enabled	D, F, J, D-F, F-J, D-D, F-F, J-J	\$3,500.00	The prosthesis is only to be used in a surgical procedure described in item 38290 in Group T8 of the <i>Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2018.</i>
SJ410	TactiCath™ Contact Force Ablation Catheter	Sensor Enabled and Non-Sensor Enabled catheter	DD, DF, FF, FJ, JJ, D, F.	\$3,500.00	The prosthesis is only to be used in a surgical procedure described in item 38290 in Group T8 of the <i>Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2018.</i>

**Biotronik**

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**Biotronik Australia Pty Ltd**

BT224	AlCath Flutter Flux G eXtra	Mapping and Ablation Cardiac Catheter, Gold Tip(G) 7F ,95cm , 3.5mm Gold tip High Thermal Conduction Ablation, Advanced 3D irrigation (eXtra), FullCircle Deflection, Optimised stability,control & length for flutter	\$3,280.00 The prosthesis is only to be used in a surgical procedure described in item 38290 in Group T8 of the <i>Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2018.</i>
BT222	AlCath G FullCircle	Mapping and Ablation Cardiac Catheter, Gold Tip(G) 7F, 110cm , 4 mm Tip Gold (G) High Thermal Conduction Ablation, FullCircle Deflection, Standard or Long Tip. and 8mm (LT) Long Tip Gold(G)	\$3,280.00 The prosthesis is only to be used in a surgical procedure described in item 38290 in Group T8 of the <i>Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2018.</i>
BT223	AlCath Flux G eXtra	Mapping and Ablation Cardiac Catheter, Advanced 3D irrigation (eXtra), Gold Tip(G) High Thermal Conduction Ablation, FullCircle Deflection 7F , 110cm , 3.5mm irrigated gold tip	\$3,280.00 The prosthesis is only to be used in a surgical procedure described in item 38290 in Group T8 of the <i>Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2018.</i>

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BT225	AlCath Flutter LT G	Mapping and Ablation Cardiac Catheter, Gold Tip(G) 7F , 95cm , 8mm(LT) gold tip High Thermal Conduction Ablation, FullCircle Deflection, Long 8mm Tip (LT), Optimised stability,control & length for flutter	\$3,280.00	The prosthesis is only to be used in a surgical procedure described in item 38290 in Group T8 of the <i>Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2018</i> .
BT221	AlCath Force	Mapping and Ablation Cardiac Catheter, Advanced 3D irrigation (eXtra), Gold Tip(G) High Thermal Conduction Ablation, FullCircle Deflection with Optical Contact Force Sensor	\$3,280.00	The prosthesis is only to be used in a surgical procedure described in item 38290 in Group T8 of the <i>Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2018</i> .

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**Boston Scientific****Boston Scientific Australia Pty Ltd**

BS359	IntellaMap™ Orion High Resolution Mapping Catheter	High resolution 64-electrode steerable mapping catheter	8.5F, 115cm	\$2,700.00	The prosthesis is only to be used in a surgical procedure described in item 38290 in Group T8 of the <i>Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2018</i> .
BS361	IntellaNav™ MiFi™ Open-Irrigated Ablation Catheter	IntellaNav™ Open-Irrigated, MiFi™ Mini-electrode Technology, Nav-abled	110cm, shaft size 7.5F	\$2,700.00	The prosthesis is only to be used in a surgical procedure described in item 38290 in Group T8 of the <i>Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2018</i> .

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**Johnson and Johnson**

**Johnson & Johnson Medical Pty Ltd**

MN238	CARTO: SMARTTOUCH/ SMARTTOUCH SF	Contact Force Sensing Catheter: with/without Porous Tip One size only	\$3,700.00	The prosthesis is only to be used in a surgical procedure described in item 38290 in Group T8 of the <i>Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2018</i> .
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**Medtronic, single unit**

**Medtronic Australasia Pty Ltd**

MI300	PVAC Gold Phased RF catheter	The Pulmonary Vein Ablation Catheter (PVAC) Gold 9Fr is a three-dimensional, anatomically designed, multi-electrode phased RF catheter used to map, pace, and ablate the pulmonary veins.	\$6,399.00	The prosthesis is only to be used in a surgical procedure described in item 38290 in Group T8 of the <i>Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2018</i> .
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**08.18.01.02 - Patch**

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**Abbott**

**ABBOTT MEDICAL AUSTRALIA PTY LTD.**

SJ408	EnSite Patch	Surface Electrodes	Patch/Kit	\$350.00	The prosthesis is only to be used in a surgical procedure described in item 38290 in Group T8 of the <i>Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2018.</i>
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**Boston Scientific**

**Boston Scientific Australia Pty Ltd**

BS360	Rhythmia™ Location Reference Patch Kit	Rhythmia™ Location Reference Patch Kit (Box of 1) 50mm diameter		\$299.00	The prosthesis is only to be used in a surgical procedure described in item 38290 in Group T8 of the <i>Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2018.</i>
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**Johnson and Johnson**

**Johnson & Johnson Medical Pty Ltd**

MN239	CARTO Reference	External Reference	One size only	\$499.00	The prosthesis is only to be used in a surgical procedure described in item 38290 in Group T8 of the <i>Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2018.</i>
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**08.18.01.03 - Mapping Catheter**

**Abbott**

**ABBOTT MEDICAL AUSTRALIA PTY LTD.**

SJ404	Inquiry Optima Diagnostic Catheter	mapping catheter	5F-8F	\$2,549.00	The prosthesis is only to be used in a surgical procedure described in item 38290 in Group T8 of the <i>Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2018.</i>
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SJ405	Reflexion Spiral Variable Radius Catheter	mapping catheter	5F-8F	\$2,549.00 The prosthesis is only to be used in a surgical procedure described in item 38290 in Group T8 of the <i>Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2018.</i>
SJ406	Advisor mapping catheter	mapping catheter	5F-8F	\$2,549.00 The prosthesis is only to be used in a surgical procedure described in item 38290 in Group T8 of the <i>Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2018.</i>
SJ407	Afocus II EB Inquiry Steerable Catheter	mapping catheter	5F-8F	\$2,549.00 The prosthesis is only to be used in a surgical procedure described in item 38290 in Group T8 of the <i>Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2018.</i>

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**Johnson & Johnson Medical Pty Ltd**

MN240	LASSO/ PENTARAY	Circular/High Density	Various	\$2,200.00	The prosthesis is only to be used in a surgical procedure described in item 38290 in Group T8 of the <i>Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2018</i> .
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**08.18.02 - Cryoablation**

**08.18.02.01 - Ablation Catheter**

**Medtronic Australasia Pty Ltd**

MI301	Arctic Front Advance Cardiac CryoAblation Catheter	A flexible, over-the-wire balloon catheter used to ablate cardiac tissue	23mm, 28mm	\$5,100.00	The prosthesis is only to be used in a surgical procedure described in item 38290 in Group T8 of the <i>Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2018</i> .
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**08.18.02.02 - Mapping Catheter**

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**Medtronic Australasia Pty Ltd**

MI302	Achieve / Achieve Advance Mapping Catheter	Intra-cardiac electrophysiology circular mapping catheter	15mm, 20mm, 25mm	\$1,299.00	The prosthesis is only to be used in a surgical procedure described in item 38290 in Group T8 of the <i>Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2018</i> .
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