



Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – General Practice Telehealth Services) Amendment Determination 2019

I, CELIA STREET, delegate of the Minister for Health, make the following determination.

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1. Name of Determination

This instrument is the *Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – General Practice Telehealth Services) Amendment Determination 2019*.

2. Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument 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. The whole of this instrument	The day after registration	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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

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

3. Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 3C(1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

5. Repeal

This instrument is repealed at the end of 30 June 2019.

Schedule 1 – Amendments to instruments made under section 3C of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*

Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services - General Practitioner Telehealth Services) Determination 2018

1 Subsection 4(1) (below the definition of *drought affected eligible area*)

Insert:

flood affected eligible area means an area that is a local government area of Burdekin, Burke, Charters Towers, Cloncurry, Cook, Doomadgee, Douglas, Flinders, McKinlay, Palm Island, Richmond, Townsville, Winton, and Wujal Wujal in the State of Queensland.

2 Schedule 1 (after item 2196)

Insert:

Group A30—Medical Practitioner video conferencing consultation		
Subgroup 4— Non-referred telehealth consultations to which no other item applies		
Item	Description	Fee (\$)
2095	Professional attendance at consulting rooms by a general practitioner, for an obvious problem characterised by the straightforward nature of the task that requires a short patient history and, if required, limited examination and management, if: (a) the attendance is by video conference; and (b) the patient is located within a flood affected eligible area.	20.20
2144	Professional attendance at consulting rooms by a general practitioner, lasting less than 20 minutes, if: (a) the attendance is by video conference; and (b) the patient is located within a flood affected eligible area.	44.20
2180	Professional attendance at consulting rooms by a general practitioner, lasting at least 20 minutes, if: (a) the attendance is by video conference; and (b) the patient is located within a flood affected eligible area.	85.60
2193	Professional attendance at consulting rooms by a general practitioner, lasting at least 40 minutes, if: (a) the attendance is by video conference; and (b) the patient is located within a flood affected eligible area.	126.05

Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Other Medical Practitioner) Determination 2018

3 Subsection 4(1) (below the definition of *eligible area*)

Insert:

flood affected eligible area means an area that is a local government area of Burdekin, Burke, Charters Towers, Cloncurry, Cook, Doomadgee, Douglas, Flinders, McKinlay, Palm Island, Richmond, Townsville, Winton, and Wujal Wujal in the State of Queensland.

4 Division 1.12 of Schedule 1 (after item 898)

Insert:

899	Professional attendance at consulting rooms by a medical practitioner, lasting not more than 5 minutes in duration, if: (a) the attendance is by video conference; and (b) the patient is located within a flood affected eligible area.	16.15
901	Professional attendance at consulting rooms by a medical practitioner, lasting more than 5 minutes but not more than 25 minutes, if: (a) the attendance is by video conference; and (b) the patient is located within a flood affected eligible area.	35.40
905	Professional attendance at consulting rooms by a medical practitioner, lasting more than 25 minutes but not more than 45 minutes, if: (a) the attendance is by video conference; and (b) the patient is located within a flood affected eligible area.	68.50
906	Professional attendance at consulting rooms by a medical practitioner, lasting more than 45 minutes, if: (a) the attendance is by video conference; and (b) the patient is located within a flood affected eligible area.	100.80
