

Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – General Practice Telehealth Services) Amendment Determination (No. 2) 2019

I, Andrew Simpson, delegate of the Minister for Health, make the following determination.

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – General Practice Telehealth Services) Amendment Determination (No. 2) 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** | | |
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| **Column 1** | **Column 2** | **Column 3** |
| **Provisions** | **Commencement** | **Date/Details** |
| 1. The whole of this instrument | Immediately after Schedule 1 of the *Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2019* commences |  |

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1— Amendments

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

1 After Division 1.12 of Schedule 1

Insert:

Division 1.13 – Group A30: Non-Specialist Practitioner video conferencing consultation for patients in rural and remote areas

1.13.1 Limitation of items in Subgroup 7 of Group A30

(1) An item in Subgroup 7 of Group A30 applies to a professional attendance on a patient by a medical practitioner only if:

(a) the patient is not an admitted patient; and

(b) the patient is located within a Modified Monash 6 area or a Modified Monash 7 area; and

(c) at the time of the attendance, the patient and the medical practitioner are at least 15 km by road from each other; and

(d) the patient has received 3 face‑to‑face professional attendances from that practitioner in the preceding 12 months.

(2) An item in Subgroup 7 of Group A30 does not apply if the patient or the medical practitioner travels to a place to satisfy the requirement in paragraph (1)(c).

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| Group A30 – Medical practitioner video conferencing consultation | | |
| Subgroup 7 – Non-Specialist Practitioner video conferencing consultation for patients in rural and remote areas | | |
| 2480 | Professional attendance by video conference of not more than 5 minutes in duration by a medical practitioner – each attendance | 14.00 |
| 2481 | Professional attendance by video conference of more than 5 minutes in duration but not more than 25 minutes by a medical practitioner – each attendance | 30.55 |
| 2482 | Professional attendance by video conference of more than 25 minutes in duration but not more than 45 minutes by a medical practitioner – each attendance | 59.15 |
| 2483 | Professional attendance by video conference of more than 45 minutes in duration who is not a medical practitioner – each attendance | 87.10 |

2 Division 1.13 of Schedule 1 (heading)

Renumber as Division 1.14.

3 Clause 1.13.1 of Division 1.13 of Schedule 1 (heading)

Renumber as clause 1.14.1.