



Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – GP and Allied Health COVID-19 Services) Amendment Determination No. 2 2020

I, Greg Hunt, Minister for Health, make the following determination.

Dated 16 March 2020

Greg Hunt
Minister for Health

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1. Name

This instrument is the *Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – GP and Allied Health COVID-19 Services) Amendment Determination No. 2 2020*.

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. Sections 1 to 4	Immediately after the registration	
2. Schedule 1	This Schedule is taken to have commenced on 13 March 2020	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.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 to the *Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – GP and Allied Health COVID-19 Services) Determination 2020*

1. Subsection 5(1) (at the end of the note in the subsection)

Repeal the note, substitute:

Note: The following terms are defined in subsection 3(1) of the Act:

- clinically relevant service;
- general medical services table;
- item;
- participating midwife;
- participating nurse practitioner;
- professional service

2. Subclause 1.1.1(6) of Schedule 1

Repeal the subclause, substitute:

- (6) For items in Subgroups 1 and 2, a person who meets the requirements of a “patient at risk for COVID-19 virus” in paragraph (c) of the definition must:
- (a) have had at least one face to face attendance rendered in the preceding 12 months by the practitioner who renders the COVID-19 virus service; or
 - (b) have had at least one face to face attendance service rendered in the preceding 12 months at (or arranged by) the medical practice where the practitioner who renders the COVID-19 virus service is employed.

3. Table in Division 1.1

Repeal the Table, substitute:

Group A40 – COVID-19 general practice telehealth services		
Item	Description	Fee (\$)
Subgroup 1 – COVID-19 general practice telehealth services		
91800	Telehealth attendance by a general practitioner lasting less than 20 minutes if: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the attendance is where:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or	44.90

	(ii) the general practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and	
	(b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant:	
	(i) taking a short patient history;	
	(ii) arranging any necessary investigation	
	(iii) implementing a management plan;	
	(iv) providing appropriate preventative health care;	
	where the service is bulk-billed	
91801	Telehealth attendance by a general practitioner lasting at least 20 minutes if:	87.00
	(a) the attendance is where:	
	(i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or	
	(ii) the general practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and	
	(b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant:	
	(i) taking a detailed patient history;	
	(ii) arranging any necessary investigation	
	(iii) implementing a management plan;	
	(iv) providing appropriate preventative health care;	
	where the service is bulk-billed	
91802	Telehealth attendance by a general practitioner lasting at least 40 minutes if:	128.05
	(a) the attendance is where:	
	(i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or	
	(ii) the general practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and	
	(b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant:	
	(i) taking an extensive patient history;	
	(ii) arranging any necessary investigation	
	(iii) implementing a management plan;	
	(iv) providing appropriate preventative health care;	
	where the service is bulk-billed	
91803	Telehealth attendance by a medical practitioner of more than 5 minutes in duration but not more than 25 minutes if:	24.70
	(a) the attendance is where:	
	(i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or	
	(ii) the medical practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and	
	(b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant:	
	(i) taking a short patient history;	
	(ii) arranging any necessary investigation	
	(iii) implementing a management plan;	

	(iv) providing appropriate preventative health care; where the service is bulk-billed	
91804	Telehealth attendance by a medical practitioner of more than 25 minutes in duration but not more than 45 minutes if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the medical practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant: (i) taking a detailed patient history; (ii) arranging any necessary investigation (iii) implementing a management plan; (iv) providing appropriate preventative health care; where the service is bulk-billed	44.70
91805	Telehealth attendance by a medical practitioner of at least 45 minutes in duration if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the medical practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant: (i) taking an extensive patient history; (ii) arranging any necessary investigation (iii) implementing a management plan; (iv) providing appropriate preventative health care; where the service is bulk-billed	71.75
91806	Telehealth attendance by a medical practitioner, in an eligible area, of more than 5 minutes in duration but not more than 25 minutes if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the medical practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant: (i) taking a short patient history; (ii) arranging any necessary investigation (iii) implementing a management plan; (iv) providing appropriate preventative health care; where the service is bulk-billed	35.90
91807	Telehealth attendance by a medical practitioner, in an eligible area, of more than 25 minutes in duration but not more than 45 minutes if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or	69.55

	(ii) the medical practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and	
	(b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant:	
	(i) taking a detailed patient history;	
	(ii) arranging any necessary investigation	
	(iii) implementing a management plan;	
	(iv) providing appropriate preventative health care;	
	where the service is bulk-billed	
91808	Telehealth attendance by a medical practitioner, in an eligible area, of at least 45 minutes in duration if:	102.45
	(a) the attendance is where:	
	(i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or	
	(ii) the medical practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and	
	(b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant:	
	(i) taking an extensive patient history;	
	(ii) arranging any necessary investigation	
	(iii) implementing a management plan;	
	(iv) providing appropriate preventative health care;	
	where the service is bulk-billed	
Subgroup 2 – COVID-19 general practice phone services		
91809	Phone attendance by a general practitioner lasting less than 20 minutes if:	44.90
	(a) the attendance is where:	
	(i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or	
	(ii) the general practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and	
	(b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant:	
	(i) taking a short patient history;	
	(ii) arranging any necessary investigation;	
	(iii) implementing a management plan;	
	(iv) providing appropriate preventative health care;	
	where the service is bulk-billed	
91810	Phone attendance by a general practitioner lasting at least 20 minutes if:	87.00
	(a) the attendance is where:	
	(i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or	
	(ii) the general practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and	
	(b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant:	
	(i) taking a detailed patient history;	
	(ii) arranging any necessary investigation;	
	(iii) implementing a management plan;	

	(iv) providing appropriate preventative health care; where the service is bulk-billed	
91811	Phone attendance by a general practitioner lasting at least 40 minutes if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the general practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant: (i) taking an extensive patient history; (ii) arranging any necessary investigation; (iii) implementing a management plan; (iv) providing appropriate preventative health care; where the service is bulk-billed	128.05
91812	Phone attendance by a medical practitioner of more than 5 minutes in duration but not more than 25 minutes if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the medical practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant: (i) taking a short patient history; (ii) arranging any necessary investigation; (iii) implementing a management plan; (iv) providing appropriate preventative health care; where the service is bulk-billed	24.70
91813	Phone attendance by a medical practitioner of at least 25 minutes in duration but not more than 45 minutes if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the medical practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant: (i) taking a detailed patient history; (ii) arranging any necessary investigation; (iii) implementing a management plan; (iv) providing appropriate preventative health care; where the service is bulk-billed	44.70
91814	Phone attendance by a medical practitioner of at least 45 minutes in duration if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the medical practitioner is a health professional at risk of	71.75

	COVID-19 virus; and	
	(b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant:	
	(i) taking an extensive patient history;	
	(ii) arranging any necessary investigation;	
	(iii) implementing a management plan;	
	(iv) providing appropriate preventative health care;	
	where the service is bulk-billed	
91815	Phone attendance by a medical practitioner, in an eligible area, of more than 5 minutes in duration but not more than 25 minutes if:	35.90
	(a) the attendance is where:	
	(i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or	
	(ii) the medical practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and	
	(b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant:	
	(i) taking a short patient history;	
	(ii) arranging any necessary investigation;	
	(iii) implementing a management plan;	
	(iv) providing appropriate preventative health care;	
	where the service is bulk-billed	
91816	Phone attendance by a medical practitioner, in an eligible area, of more than 25 minutes in duration but not more than 45 minutes if:	69.55
	(a) the attendance is where:	
	(i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or	
	(ii) the medical practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and	
	(b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant:	
	(i) taking a detailed patient history;	
	(ii) arranging any necessary investigation;	
	(iii) implementing a management plan;	
	(iv) providing appropriate preventative health care;	
	where the service is bulk-billed	
91817	Phone attendance by a medical practitioner, in an eligible area, of more than 45 minutes in duration if:	102.45
	(a) the attendance is where:	
	(i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or	
	(ii) the medical practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and	
	(b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant:	
	(i) taking an extensive patient history;	
	(ii) arranging any necessary investigation	
	(iii) implementing a management plan;	
	(iv) providing appropriate preventative health care;	

where the service is bulk-billed		
Subgroup 3 – COVID-19 Focussed Psychological Strategies telehealth services		
91818	Telehealth attendance by a general practitioner, for the purpose of providing focussed psychological strategies for assessed mental disorders if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the general practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the practitioner is registered with the Chief Executive Medicare as meeting the credentialing requirements for provision of this service; and (c) the service lasts at least 30 minutes, but less than 40 minutes;	110.85
where the service is bulk-billed		
91819	Telehealth attendance by a general practitioner, for the purpose of providing focussed psychological strategies for assessed mental disorders if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the general practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the practitioner is registered with the Chief Executive Medicare as meeting the credentialing requirements for provision of this service; and (c) the service lasts at least 40 minutes;	158.60
where the service is bulk-billed		
91820	Telehealth attendance by a medical practitioner, for the purpose of providing focussed psychological strategies for assessed mental disorders if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the medical practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the practitioner is registered with the Chief Executive Medicare as meeting the credentialing requirements for provision of this service; and (c) the service lasts at least 30 minutes, but less than 40 minutes;	88.70
where the service is bulk-billed		
91821	Telehealth attendance by a medical practitioner, for the purpose of providing focussed psychological strategies for assessed mental disorders if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the medical practitioner is a health professional at risk of	126.90

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- COVID-19 virus; and
- (b) the practitioner is registered with the Chief Executive Medicare as meeting the credentialing requirements for provision of this service; and
 - (c) the service lasts at least 40 minutes;
- where the service is bulk-billed
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4. Table in Division 1.2 (items 91175, 91176, 91178, 91179 and 91180)

Repeal the items, substitute:

91175	<p>Focussed psychological strategies health service provided by telehealth attendance by an eligible social worker if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the attendance is where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the eligible social worker is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the person is referred by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or (ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or (iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and (b) the service is provided to the person individually; and (c) at the completion of a course of treatment, the referring medical practitioner reviews the need for a further course of treatment; and (d) on the completion of the course of treatment, the eligible social worker gives a written report to the referring medical practitioner on assessments carried out, treatment provided and recommendations on future management of the person's condition; and (e) the service is at least 20 minutes but less than 50 minutes duration <p>where the service is bulk-billed</p>	63.25
91176	<p>Focussed psychological strategies health service provided by telehealth attendance by an eligible social worker if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the attendance is where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the eligible social worker is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and 	89.35

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (b) the person is referred by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a medical practitioner, either as part of a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan, or as part of a shared care plan or as part of a psychiatrist assessment and management plan; or (ii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of psychiatry; or (iii) a specialist or consultant physician specialising in the practice of his or her field of paediatrics; and (c) the service is provided to the person individually; and (d) at the completion of a course of treatment, the referring medical practitioner reviews the need for a further course of treatment; and (e) on the completion of the course of treatment, the eligible social worker gives a written report to the referring medical practitioner on assessments carried out, treatment provided and recommendations on future management of the person's condition; and (f) the service is at least 50 minutes duration <p>where the service is bulk-billed</p>	
91178	<p>Focussed psychological strategies health service provided by telehealth attendance by a participating nurse practitioner lasting less than 20 minutes if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the attendance is where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the participating nurse practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) taking a short history; (ii) arranging any necessary investigation; (iii) implementing a management plan; (iv) providing appropriate preventive health care; <p>where the service is bulk-billed.</p>	21.30
91179	<p>Focussed psychological strategies health service provided by telehealth attendance by a participating nurse practitioner lasting at least 20 minutes if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the attendance is where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the participating nurse practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) taking a detailed history; (ii) arranging any necessary investigation; (iii) implementing a management plan; 	40.40

	(iv) providing appropriate preventive health care; where the service is bulk-billed.	
91180	Focussed psychological strategies health service provided by telehealth attendance by a participating nurse practitioner lasting at least 40 minutes if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the participating nurse practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant: (i) taking an extensive history; (ii) arranging any necessary investigation; (iii) implementing a management plan; (iv) providing appropriate preventive health care; where the service is bulk-billed.	59.50

5. Table in Division 1.3

Repeal the Table, substitute:

Group A40 – COVID-19 medical practitioner phone services		
Item	Description	Fee (\$)
Subgroup 10 – COVID-19 Focussed Psychological Strategies phone services		
91842	Phone attendance by a general practitioner, for the purpose of providing focussed psychological strategies for assessed mental disorders if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the general practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the practitioner is registered with the Chief Executive Medicare as meeting the credentialing requirements for provision of this service; and (c) the service lasts at least 30 minutes, but less than 40 minutes; where the service is bulk-billed	110.85
91843	Phone attendance by a general practitioner, for the purpose of providing focussed psychological strategies for assessed mental disorders if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the general practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the practitioner is registered with the Chief Executive Medicare as meeting the credentialing requirements for provision of this	158.60

	service; and (c) the service lasts at least 40 minutes; where the service is bulk-billed	
91844	Phone attendance by a medical practitioner, for the purpose of providing focussed psychological strategies for assessed mental disorders if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the medical practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the practitioner is registered with the Chief Executive Medicare as meeting the credentialing requirements for provision of this service; and (c) the service lasts at least 30 minutes, but less than 40 minutes; where the service is bulk-billed	88.70
91845	Phone attendance by a medical practitioner, for the purpose of providing focussed psychological strategies for assessed mental disorders if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the medical practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the practitioner is registered with the Chief Executive Medicare as meeting the credentialing requirements for provision of this service; and (c) the service lasts at least 40 minutes; where the service is bulk-billed	126.90

6. Table in Division 1.4 (items 91189, 91190, and 91191)

Repeal the items, substitute:

91189	Phone attendance by a participating nurse practitioner lasting less than 20 minutes if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the participating nurse practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant: (i) taking a short history; (ii) arranging any necessary investigation; (iii) implementing a management plan; (iv) providing appropriate preventive health care; where the service is bulk-billed.	21.30
91190	Phone attendance by a participating nurse practitioner lasting at least	40.40

	20 minutes if:	
	(a) the attendance is where:	
	(i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or	
	(ii) the participating nurse practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and	
	(b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant:	
	(i) taking a detailed history;	
	(ii) arranging any necessary investigation;	
	(iii) implementing a management plan;	
	(iv) providing appropriate preventive health care;	
	where the service is bulk-billed.	
91191	Phone attendance by a participating nurse practitioner lasting at least 40 minutes if:	59.50
	(a) the attendance is where:	
	(i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or	
	(ii) the participating nurse practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and	
	(b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant:	
	(i) taking an extensive history;	
	(ii) arranging any necessary investigation;	
	(iii) implementing a management plan;	
	(iv) providing appropriate preventive health care;	
	where the service is bulk-billed.	

7. After Division 1.4 of Schedule 1

Insert:

Division 1.5 - Services and fees – Services and fees – COVID-19 midwifery telehealth and phone services

1.5.1 – Application of COVID-19 midwifery telehealth and phone services

- (1) For items in Division 1.5, “collaborative arrangements” has the meaning given by section 4 of the *Health Insurance (Midwife and Nurse Practitioner) Determination 2015*.

Group M19 – COVID-19 midwifery telehealth and phone services

Item	Description	Fee (\$)
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Subgroup 1 – COVID-19 midwifery telehealth services

91211	Short antenatal telehealth attendance by a participating midwife, lasting up to 40 minutes, if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the participating midwife is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the attendance is bulk-billed	32.80
91212	Long antenatal telehealth attendance by a participating midwife, lasting at least 40 minutes, if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the participating midwife is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the attendance is bulk-billed	54.25
91214	Short postnatal telehealth attendance by a participating midwife, lasting up to 40 minutes, if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the participating midwife is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the attendance is bulk-billed	54.25
91215	Long postnatal telehealth attendance by a participating midwife, lasting at least 40 minutes, if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the participating midwife is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the attendance is bulk-billed	79.75

Subgroup 2 – COVID-19 midwifery phone services

91218	Short antenatal phone attendance by a participating midwife, lasting up to 40 minutes, if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the participating midwife is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the attendance is bulk-billed	32.80
91219	Long antenatal phone attendance by a participating midwife, lasting at least 40 minutes, if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the participating midwife is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the attendance is bulk-billed	54.25
91221	Short postnatal phone attendance by a participating midwife, lasting up to 40 minutes, if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the participating midwife is a health professional at risk of	54.25

	COVID-19 virus; and (b) the attendance is bulk-billed	
91222	Long postnatal telehealth attendance by a participating midwife, lasting at least 40 minutes, if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or (ii) the participating midwife is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and (b) the attendance is bulk-billed	79.75
