



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

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I, David Weiss, delegate of the Minister for Health, make the following determination.

Dated 17 March 2020

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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. 3 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. The whole of this instrument	Immediately after the commencement of the Schedule to the <i>Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – GP and Allied Health COVID-19 Services) Amendment Determination No.1 2020</i>	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

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**Schedule 1 – Amendments to the *Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – GP and Allied Health COVID-19 Services) Determination 2020***

**1. Schedule 1, subclause 1.1.1(1)**

Repeal the subclause, substitute:

- (1) For items 91794, 91799, 91806, 91807, 91808, 91815, 91816 and 91817, “eligible area” has the meaning given by section 4 of the *Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Other Medical Practitioner) Determination 2018*.

**2. Schedule 1, before item 91800**

Insert:

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91790	Telehealth attendance 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 management 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; where the service is bulk-billed	20.55
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**3. Schedule 1, after item 91802**

Insert:

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91792	Telehealth attendance by a medical practitioner of not more than 5 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; where the service is bulk-billed	12.90
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**4. Schedule 1, after item 91805**

Insert:

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91794	Telehealth attendance by a medical practitioner, in an eligible area, of not more than 5 minutes if: (a) the attendance is where: (i) the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or	16.45
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(ii) the medical practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus;  
where the service is bulk-billed

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## 5. Schedule 1, before item 91809

Insert:

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91795	Phone attendance 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 management 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; where the service is bulk-billed	20.55
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## 6. Schedule 1, after item 91811

Insert:

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91797	Phone attendance by a medical practitioner of not more than 5 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; where the service is bulk-billed	12.90
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## 7. Schedule 1, after item 91814

Insert:

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91799	Phone attendance by a medical practitioner, in an eligible area, of not more than 5 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; where the service is bulk-billed	16.45
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## 8. Schedule 1, items 91178, 91179 and 91180

Repeat the items, substitute:

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91192	<p>Telehealth attendance by a participating nurse practitioner for an obvious problem characterised by the straightforward nature of the task that requires a short patient history and, if required, limited management, if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the attendance is where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the person is at risk of COVID-19 virus; or</li> <li>(ii) the participating nurse practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>where the service is bulk-billed</p>	9.75
91178	<p>Telehealth attendance by a participating nurse practitioner lasting less than 20 minutes if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the attendance is where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the person is at risk of COVID-19 virus; or</li> <li>(ii) the participating nurse practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) taking a short history;</li> <li>(ii) arranging any necessary investigation;</li> <li>(iii) implementing a management plan;</li> <li>(iv) providing appropriate preventive health care;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>where the service is bulk-billed</p>	21.30
91179	<p>Telehealth attendance by a participating nurse practitioner lasting at least 20 minutes if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the attendance is where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the person is at risk of COVID-19 virus; or</li> <li>(ii) the participating nurse practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) taking a detailed history;</li> <li>(ii) arranging any necessary investigation;</li> <li>(iii) implementing a management plan;</li> <li>(iv) providing appropriate preventive health care;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>where the service is bulk-billed</p>	40.40
91180	<p>Telehealth attendance by a participating nurse practitioner lasting at least 40 minutes if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the attendance is where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the person is at risk of COVID-19 virus; or</li> <li>(ii) the participating nurse practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) the attendance includes any of the following that are</li> </ul>	59.50

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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

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## 9. Schedule 1, before item 91189

Insert:

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91193	Phone attendance by a participating nurse practitioner for an obvious problem characterised by the straightforward nature of the task that requires a short patient history and, if required, limited management, if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) the attendance is where:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) the person is at risk of COVID-19 virus; or</li><li>(ii) the participating nurse practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus;</li></ul></li></ul> where the service is bulk-billed	9.75
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## 10. Schedule 1, item 91222 (column 2)

Omit “telehealth”, substitute “phone”