

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

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

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# **Name**

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

# **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 the commencement of the Schedule to the *Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – GP and Allied Health COVID-19 Services) Amendment Determination No.1 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Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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.

# **Authority**

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

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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.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

1. 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:   1. 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 |

1. **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 | |

1. **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  (ii)  the medical practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus;  where the service is bulk-billed | 16.45 |

1. **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 |

1. **Schedule 1, after item 91811**

Insert:

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| 91797 | Phone attendance by a medical practitioner of not more than 5 minutes if:   1. the attendance is where: 2. the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or 3. the medical practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus;   where the service is bulk-billed | 12.90 |

1. 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:   1. the attendance is where: 2. the person is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or 3. the medical practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus;   where the service is bulk-billed | 16.45 |

1. Schedule 1, items 91178, 91179 and 91180

Repeal the items, substitute:

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| 91192 | 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:   1. the attendance is where: 2. the person is at risk of COVID-19 virus; or 3. the participating nurse practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus;   where the service is bulk-billed | 9.75 |
| 91178 | Telehealth attendance by a participating nurse practitioner lasting less than 20 minutes if:  (a)     the attendance is where:  (i)       the person is 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 |
| 91179 | Telehealth attendance by a participating nurse practitioner lasting at least 20 minutes if:  (a)     the attendance is where:  (i)       the person is 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 | 40.40 |
| 91180 | Telehealth attendance by a participating nurse practitioner lasting at least 40 minutes if:  (a)     the attendance is where:  (i)       the person is 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 |

1. 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:   1. the attendance is where: 2. the person is at risk of COVID-19 virus; or 3. the participating nurse practitioner is a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus;   where the service is bulk-billed | 9.75 |

1. Schedule 1, item 91222 (column 2)

Omit “telehealth”, substitute “phone”