



Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – COVID-19 Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Amendment (Bulk-billing Requirement and New Remote Attendance Services) Determination 2020

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

Dated 17 April 2020

Greg Hunt
Minister for Health

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – COVID-19 Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Amendment (Bulk-billing Requirement and New Remote Attendance Services) Determination 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.	20 April 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Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.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

Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services - COVID-19 Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Determination 2020

1 Subsection 5(1) (definition of multidisciplinary care plan)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

multidisciplinary care plan:

- (a) for items 92026, 92027, 92070, 92071, 92057, 92058, 92101 and 92102—has the meaning given by clause 2.18.6 of the general medical services table; and
- (b) for items 93201 and 93203—has the meaning given by clause 4.1.2.

2 Subsection 8(4)

Omit “a Schedule”, insert “Schedule 1”.

3 Subsection 8(5)

Omit “An”, substitute “Subject to subsection (6), an”.

4 At the end of section 8

Insert:

- (6) Subsection (5) does not apply to items 92455 to 92457 and 92495 to 92497.

5 Subclause 2.1.1(1) of Schedule 2

Omit “26 or 32”, substitute “26, 32, 34 or 36”.

6 After clause 2.1.1 of Schedule 2

Insert:

2.1.2 Application of item 92513 to 92516 and 92521 to 92524

- (1) Clause 2.13.1 of the general medical services table shall have effect as if items 92513 to 92516 and 92521 to 92524 were specified in the clause.

7 Schedule 2 (item 92437, column 2, paragraph (b))

Omit “or 91837 to 91841”, insert “, 91837 to 91841, 92455 to 93457 or 92495 to 92497”.

8 Schedule 2 (after item 92437)

Insert:

92455	Telehealth attendance for group psychotherapy (including any associated consultations with a patient taking place on the same occasion and relating to the condition for which group therapy is conducted):	50.85
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	(a) of not less than 1 hour in duration; and (b) given under the continuous direct supervision of a consultant physician in the practice of the consultant physician's specialty of psychiatry; and (c) involving a group of 2 to 9 unrelated patients or a family group of more than 3 patients, each of whom is referred to the consultant physician by a referring practitioner; —each patient	
92456	Telehealth attendance for group psychotherapy (including any associated consultations with a patient taking place on the same occasion and relating to the condition for which group therapy is conducted): (a) of not less than 1 hour in duration; and (b) given under the continuous direct supervision of a consultant physician in the practice of the consultant physician's specialty of psychiatry; and (c) involving a family group of 3 patients, each of whom is referred to the consultant physician by a referring practitioner; —each patient	67.50
92457	Telehealth attendance for group psychotherapy (including any associated consultations with a patient taking place on the same occasion and relating to the condition for which group therapy is conducted): (a) of not less than 1 hour in duration; and (b) given under the continuous direct supervision of a consultant physician in the practice of the consultant physician's specialty of psychiatry; and (c) involving a family group of 2 patients, each of whom is referred to the consultant physician by a referring practitioner; —each patient	99.80

9 Schedule 2 (item 92477, column 2, paragraph (b))

Omit “or 91837 to 91841”, insert “, 91837 to 91841, 92455 to 93457 or 92495 to 92497”.

10 Schedule 2 (after item 92477)

Insert:

92495	Phone attendance for group psychotherapy (including any associated consultations with a patient taking place on the same occasion and relating to the condition for which group therapy is conducted): (a) of not less than 1 hour in duration; and (b) given under the continuous direct supervision of a consultant physician in the practice of the consultant physician's specialty of psychiatry; and (c) involving a group of 2 to 9 unrelated patients or a family group of more than 3 patients, each of whom is referred to the consultant physician by a referring practitioner;	50.85
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	—each patient	
92496	Phone attendance for group psychotherapy (including any associated consultations with a patient taking place on the same occasion and relating to the condition for which group therapy is conducted): (a) of not less than 1 hour in duration; and (b) given under the continuous direct supervision of a consultant physician in the practice of the consultant physician's specialty of psychiatry; and (c) involving a family group of 3 patients, each of whom is referred to the consultant physician by a referring practitioner;	67.50
	—each patient	
92497	Phone attendance for group psychotherapy (including any associated consultations with a patient taking place on the same occasion and relating to the condition for which group therapy is conducted): (a) of not less than 1 hour in duration; and (b) given under the continuous direct supervision of a consultant physician in the practice of the consultant physician's specialty of psychiatry; and (c) involving a family group of 2 patients, each of whom is referred to the consultant physician by a referring practitioner;	99.80
	—each patient	

11 Schedule 2 (after item 92629)

Insert:

Subgroup 33— Public health physician – Telehealth Services		
92513	Telehealth attendance by a public health physician in the practice of the public health physician's specialty of public health medicine—attendance for an obvious problem characterised by the straightforward nature of the task that requires a short patient history and, if required, limited management	20.15
92514	Telehealth attendance by a public health physician in the practice of the public health physician's specialty of public health medicine, lasting less than 20 minutes and including any of the following that are clinically relevant: (a) taking a patient history; (b) arranging any necessary investigation; (c) implementing a management plan; (d) providing appropriate preventive health care; for one or more health-related issues, with appropriate documentation	44.10
92515	Telehealth attendance by a public health physician in the practice of the public health physician's specialty of public health medicine, lasting at least 20 minutes and including any of the following that are clinically relevant: (a) taking a detailed patient history;	85.25

	(b) arranging any necessary investigation; (c) implementing a management plan; (d) providing appropriate preventive health care; for one or more health-related issues, with appropriate documentation	
92516	Telehealth attendance by a public health physician in the practice of the public health physician's specialty of public health medicine, lasting at least 40 minutes and including any of the following that are clinically relevant: (a) taking an extensive patient history; (b) arranging any necessary investigation; (c) implementing a management plan; (d) providing appropriate preventive health care; for one or more health-related issues, with appropriate documentation	125.55
Subgroup 34— Public health physician – Phone Services		
92521	Phone attendance by a public health physician in the practice of the public health physician's specialty of public health medicine—attendance for an obvious problem characterised by the straightforward nature of the task that requires a short patient history and, if required, limited management	20.15
92522	Phone attendance by a public health physician in the practice of the public health physician's specialty of public health medicine, lasting less than 20 minutes and including any of the following that are clinically relevant: (a) taking a patient history; (b) arranging any necessary investigation; (c) implementing a management plan; (d) providing appropriate preventive health care; for one or more health-related issues, with appropriate documentation	44.10
92523	Phone attendance by a public health physician in the practice of the public health physician's specialty of public health medicine, lasting at least 20 minutes and including any of the following that are clinically relevant: (a) taking a detailed patient history; (b) arranging any necessary investigation; (c) implementing a management plan; (d) providing appropriate preventive health care; for one or more health-related issues, with appropriate documentation	85.25
92524	Phone attendance by a public health physician in the practice of the public health physician's specialty of public health medicine, lasting at least 40 minutes and including any of the following that are clinically relevant: (a) taking an extensive patient history; (b) arranging any necessary investigation;	125.55

- (c) implementing a management plan;
 (d) providing appropriate preventive health care;
 for one or more health-related issues, with appropriate
 documentation

Subgroup 35— Neurosurgery attendances – Telehealth Services

92610	Telehealth attendance by a specialist in the practice of neurosurgery following referral of the patient to the specialist (other than a second or subsequent attendance in a single course of treatment)	133.65
92611	Telehealth attendance by a specialist in the practice of neurosurgery following referral of the patient to the specialist—a minor attendance after the first in a single course of treatment	44.35
92612	Telehealth attendance by a specialist in the practice of neurosurgery following referral of the patient to the specialist—an attendance after the first in a single course of treatment, involving arranging any necessary investigations in relation to one or more complex problems and of more than 15 minutes in duration but not more than 30 minutes in duration	88.25
92613	Telehealth attendance by a specialist in the practice of neurosurgery following referral of the patient to the specialist—an attendance after the first in a single course of treatment, involving arranging any necessary investigations in relation to one or more complex problems and of more than 30 minutes in duration but not more than 45 minutes in duration	122.20
92614	Telehealth attendance by a specialist in the practice of neurosurgery following referral of the patient to the specialist—an attendance after the first in a single course of treatment, involving arranging any necessary investigations in relation to one or more complex problems and of more than 45 minutes in duration	155.60

Subgroup 36—Neurosurgery attendances – Phone Services

92617	Phone attendance by a specialist in the practice of neurosurgery following referral of the patient to the specialist (other than a second or subsequent attendance in a single course of treatment)	133.65
92618	Phone attendance by a specialist in the practice of neurosurgery following referral of the patient to the specialist—a minor attendance after the first in a single course of treatment	44.35
92619	Phone attendance by a specialist in the practice of neurosurgery following referral of the patient to the specialist—an attendance after the first in a single course of treatment, involving arranging any necessary investigations in relation to one or more complex problems and of more than 15 minutes in duration but not more than 30 minutes in duration	88.25
92620	Phone attendance by a specialist in the practice of neurosurgery following referral of the patient to the specialist—an attendance after the first in a single course of treatment, involving arranging any necessary investigations in relation to one or more complex problems and of more than 30 minutes in duration but not more than 45 minutes in duration	122.20
92621	Phone attendance by a specialist in the practice of neurosurgery following referral of the patient to the specialist—an attendance after	155.60

the first in a single course of treatment, involving arranging any necessary investigations in relation to one or more complex problems and of more than 45 minutes in duration

12 Schedule 4 (heading)

Omit “and midwife services”, substitute “, midwife and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner services”.

13 Clause 4.1.1 (heading)

Repeal the heading, substitute:

4.1.1 Application of nurse practitioner and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner phone services

14 Subclause 4.1.1(1)

Omit “subgroup 10”, substitute “Subgroup 10 or 24”.

15 After clause 4.1.1 of Schedule 4

Insert:

4.1.2 Application of items in Subgroups 11 and 12 of Group M18

(1) In items 93201 and 93203:

GP management plan means a plan under:

- (a) item 721 or 732 of the general medical services table (for coordination of a review of a GP management plan under item 721); or
- (b) item 229 or 233 of the Other Medical Practitioner Determination (for coordination of a review of a GP management plan under item 229); or
- (c) item 92024, 92028, 92055, 92059, 92068, 92072, 92099 or 92103 (for coordination of a review of a GP management plan under item 92024, 92055, 92068 or 92099);

multidisciplinary care plan means a plan under:

- (a) item 729 or 731 of the general medical services table; or
- (b) item 231 or 232 of the Other Medical Practitioner Determination; or
- (c) item 92026, 92027, 92057, 92058, 92070, 92071, 92101 or 92102;

person with a chronic disease means a person who has a care plan under

- (a) item 721, 723, 729, 731 or 732 of the general medical services table; or
- (b) item 229, 230, 231, 232 or 233 of the Other Medical Practitioner Determination; or
- (c) item 92024 to 92028, 92055 to 92059, 92068 to 92072 or 92099 to 92103.

(2) A person cannot receive a service under item 93200 or 93202 if, in the same calendar year, the person has received 10 services to which any of the following items apply:

- (a) item 10987 of the general medical services table; or
- (b) item 93200 or 93202.

- (3) A person cannot receive a service under item 93201 or 93203 if, in the same calendar year, the person has received 5 services to which any of the following items apply:
- (a) item 10997 of the general medical services table; or
 - (b) item 93201 or 93203.

16 Schedule 4 (after item 91191)

Insert:

Subgroup 23—Follow up service provided by a practice nurse or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner – Telehealth Services		
93200	Follow-up telehealth attendance provided by a practice nurse or an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner, on behalf of a medical practitioner, for an Indigenous person who has received a health check if: (a) the service is provided on behalf of and under the supervision of a medical practitioner; and (b) the service is consistent with the needs identified through the health assessment.	28.70
93201	Telehealth attendance provided by a practice nurse or an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner to a person with a chronic disease if: (a) the service is provided on behalf of and under the supervision of a medical practitioner; and (b) the person has a GP management plan, team care arrangements or multidisciplinary care plan in place and the service is consistent with the plan or arrangements.	14.35
Subgroup 24—Follow up service provided by a practice nurse or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner – Phone Services		
93202	Follow-up phone attendance provided by a practice nurse or an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner, on behalf of a medical practitioner, for an Indigenous person who has received a health check if: (a) the service is provided on behalf of and under the supervision of a medical practitioner; and (b) the service is consistent with the needs identified through the health assessment.	28.70
93203	Phone attendance provided by a practice nurse or an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner to a person with a chronic disease if: (a) the service is provided on behalf of and under the supervision of a medical practitioner; and (b) the person has a GP management plan, team care arrangements or multidisciplinary care plan in place and the service is consistent with the plan or arrangements.	14.35