

Health Insurance (Bonded Medical Program) Amendment Rule 2020

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

Dated 7 July 2020

Greg Hunt

Minister for Health

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1 Name

 This instrument is the *Health Insurance (Bonded Medical Program) Amendment Rule 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 |
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| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 |
| Provisions | Commencement | Date/Details |
| 1. Sections 1 to 4
 | The day after this instrument is registered.  |  |
| 1. Schedule 1, Items 1 to 2
 | The day after this instrument is registered. |  |
| 1. Schedule 1, Item 3
 | 1 January 2020. | 1 January 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Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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 124ZT(1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973.*

4 Schedule

 Each instrument that is specified in Schedule 1 to this instrument is amended as set out in the applicable items in Schedule 1, and any other item in Schedule 1 to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Health Insurance (Bonded Medical Program) Rule 2020

1 Paragraph 12(1)(b)

Omit “a person determined by the Secretary, on application by the bonded participant, to satisfy the following criteria”, substitute “a person who satisfies the following criteria”.

2 Subsection 12(2)

Repeal the subsection, substitute:

 (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the bonded participant must provide evidence that the person satisfies the requirements of subsection (1).

3 After section 18

Insert:

**Part 4—Transitional provisions**

**19 Reporting obligations**

 (1) For this section, a ***relevant provision*** is a provision of this rule that requires information or evidence to be provided through the Department’s web portal.

 (2) A bonded participant is not required to comply with a relevant provision unless a notice has been published for the purposes of this section on the Department’s website stating that the elements of the Department’s web portal required for a bonded participant to comply with the relevant provision are functional.

 (3) For this section, the date of publication of the notice mentioned in subsection (2) is the ***notice date*** for the relevant provision.

 (4) For the purposes of section 15, where a notifiable event occurred before the notice date for the relevant provision, the bonded participant is taken to comply with the provision if the information or evidence is uploaded within 6 months after the notice date.

 (5) For the purposes of column 1, items 1 to 3 of the table in subsection 16(1), where the event to be reported occurred before the notice date for the relevant provision, the bonded participant is taken to comply with the provision if the information or evidence is uploaded within 3 months after the notice date.

 (6) For the purposes of column 1, item 4(a) of the table in subsection 16(1), where a bonded participant completed their course of study in medicine before the notice date for the relevant provision, the bonded participant is taken to comply with the provision if the information or evidence is uploaded every 6 months from the notice date.

 (7) For the purposes of column 1, item 4(b) of the table in subsection 16(1), where a bonded participant opted in to the Bonded Medical Program before the notice date for the relevant provision, the bonded participant is taken to comply with the provision if the information or evidence is uploaded every 6 months from the notice date.

 (8) This section ceases to operate on 30 June 2021.