



Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – General Practice Attendance for Assessing Patient Suitability for a COVID-19 Vaccine) Amendment Determination 2021

I, Paul McBride, delegate of the Minister for Health and Aged Care, make the following Determination.

Dated 11 June 2021

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – General Practice Attendance for Assessing Patient Suitability for a COVID-19 Vaccine) Amendment Determination 2021*.

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	14 June 2021	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.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 – General Practice Attendance for Assessing Patient Suitability for a COVID-19 Vaccine) Determination 2021

1. Section 4

Insert:

residential aged care facility means a facility where residential care (as defined in section 41-3 of the *Aged Care Act 1997*) is provided.

staff member has the same meaning as in Schedule 1 to the *Aged Care Act 1997*.

2. Subparagraph 5(1)(b)(ii)

Omit “the Schedule”, substitute “this instrument”.

3. After Section 8

Insert:

9. Fee in relation to the first patient during each attendance

(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), for the first patient attended during one attendance by a general practitioner or by a medical practitioner (other than a general practitioner) at:

- (a) one residential aged care facility, or at consulting rooms situated within such a complex, on one occasion; or
- (b) one residential disability setting facility, or at consulting rooms situated within such a complex, on one occasion; or
- (c) a person’s place of residence (other than a residential aged care facility) on one occasion;

the fee for a service described in an item of the Schedule is the amount listed in the item plus \$66.75.

(2) Subsection (1) only applies to a service provided at a residential aged care facility if the patient is:

- (a) a care recipient in the facility; or
- (b) a staff member of the approved provider operating the facility.

(3) Subsection (1) only applies to a service provided in a residential disability facility setting if the patient is:

- (a) unable to attend the practice location due to a disability; or

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- (b) employed, hired, retained or contracted (whether directly or through an employment or recruiting agency) to provide care and other care related services.
- (4) Subsection (1) only applies to a service provided at a person's place of residence if the patient is unable to attend the practice location due to a medical condition, disability, dementia or frailty.