

## SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

*Health Insurance Act 1973*

*Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services Table – Transcatheter Mitral Valve Repair) Determination 2021*

### **Purpose of supplementary explanatory statement**

The purpose of this supplementary explanatory statement is to provide information on the New York Heart Association (NYHA) classification, including where this tool can be publicly accessed online, for the *Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services Table – Transcatheter Mitral Valve Repair) Determination 2021* (the Determination). This supplementary explanatory statement also inserts Section 6 into the Attachment, which was an omission from the original explanatory statement.

### **Amendments to the explanatory statement**

*Repeal and substitute the Attachment.*

## ATTACHMENT

**Details of the *Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Transcatheter Mitral Valve Repair) Determination 2021*.**

### Section 1 – Name

Section 1 provides for the Determination to be referred to as the *Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Transcatheter Mitral Valve Repair) Determination 2021*.

### Section 2 – Commencement

Section 2 provides that the Determination commences on 1 July 2021.

### Section 3 – Authority

Section 3 provides that the Determination is made under subsection 3C(1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

### Section 4 – Definitions

Section 4 defines terms used in the Determination.

### Section 5 – Treatment of transcatheter mitral valve services

Section 5 provides the treatment of the transcatheter mitral valve services provided under items 6082, 6084, 38461 and 38463.

Subsections 5(1) to 5(4) provide that a clinically relevant service provided in accordance with the Determination shall be treated, for relevant provisions of the *Health Insurance Act*

1973 and *National Health Act 1953*, and regulations made under those Acts, as if it were both a professional service and a medical service and as if there were an item specified in the medical general services table for the service.

Items 6082 and 6084 are to be treated as if they were located in Part 2 of the general medical services table (which deals with attendances), and items 38461 and 38463 are to be treated as if they were located in subgroup 6 of Group T8 of Part 5 of the general medical services table (which deals with cardio-thoracic surgical operations).

Subsection 5(5) specifies the health services and prescribes the associated fees for items 6082, 6084, 38461 and 38463.

One of the requirements of items 38461 and 38463 is that the patient has symptoms of mild, moderate or severe chronic heart failure, which are classified under the NYHA classification. The NYHA classification is an internationally recognised classification system for heart failure. The NYHA classification can be accessed on the heart online website at [https://www.heartonline.org.au/media/DRL/New\\_York\\_Heart\\_Association\\_\(NYHA\)\\_classification.pdf](https://www.heartonline.org.au/media/DRL/New_York_Heart_Association_(NYHA)_classification.pdf), as at 1 July 2021.

#### Section 6 – TMVr suitability case conferences

Section 6 provides the requirements a case conference must meet to be a *TMVr suitability case conference*.