

Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – General Practice Attendance for Assessing Patient Suitability for a COVID-19 Vaccine) Amendment (No. 3) Determination 2021

I, Louise Morgan, delegate of the Minister for Health and Aged Care, make the following Determination.

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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 (No. 3) 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** | | |
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| **Column 1** | **Column 2** | **Column 3** |
| **Provisions** | **Commencement** | **Date/Details** |
| 1. Sections 1 to 4 | Immediately after registration of this instrument |  |
| 2. Schedule 1 | 18 June 2021 |  |
| 3. Schedule 2 | 29 June 2021 |  |
| 3. Schedule 3 | 31 May 2021 |  |
| 4. Schedule 4 | 1 July 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Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.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— Once during patient's lifetime clause

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

1. Section 8 (after subsection (3)):

Insert:

*Items 10660 and 10661 – claiming frequency*

(4) A service provided under items 10660 or 10661 cannot be claimed more than once during a patient’s lifetime.

Schedule 2— Amendments to remove age restriction

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

1. **Schedule (items 10660 and 10661)**

Repeal the items, substitute:

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| 10660 | Professional attendance by a general practitioner, if all of the following apply:  (a)    the service is associated with a service to which item 93624, 93625, 93634, 93635, 93644, 93645, 93653 or 93654 applies;  (b)    the service requires personal attendance by the general practitioner, lasting more than 10 minutes in duration, to provide in-depth clinical advice on the individual risks and benefits associated with receiving a COVID-19 vaccine;  (c)   one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:  (i)     a detailed patient history;  (ii)   complex examination and management;  (d)     the service is bulk-billed | 45.55 |
| 10661 | Professional attendance by a medical practitioner (other than a general practitioner), if all of the following apply:  (a)    the service is associated with a service to which item 93626, 93627, 93636, 93637, 93646, 93647, 93655 or 93656 applies;  (b)    the service requires personal attendance by the medical practitioner (other than a general practitioner), lasting more than 10 minutes in duration, to provide in-depth clinical advice on the individual risks and benefits associated with receiving a COVID-19 vaccine;  (c)   one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:  (i)     a detailed patient history;  (ii)   complex examination and management;  (d)     the service is bulk-billed | 36.45 |

Schedule 3— Amendments to remove definition of eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine

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

1. **Section 4 (definition of** ***eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine*)**

Repeal the definition.

1. **Schedule (table)**

Repeal the table, substitute:

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| **Group A44 – General Practice Attendance for Assessing Patient Suitability for a COVID-19 Vaccine** | | |
| **Subgroup 1— Assessing Patient Suitability for the First Dose of a COVID-19 Vaccine** | | |
| **Item** | **Service** | **Fee ($)** |
| 93624 | Professional attendance by a general practitioner for the purpose of assessing a patient’s suitability for the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:  (a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:  (i) a short patient history;  (ii) limited examination and management;  (b) the service is bulk-billed;  (c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 1 area | 36.15 |
| 93625 | Professional attendance by a general practitioner for the purpose of assessing a patient’s suitability for the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:  (a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:  (i) a short patient history;  (ii) limited examination and management;  (b) the service is bulk-billed;  (c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in:  (i) a Modified Monash 2 area; or  (ii) a Modified Monash 3 area; or  (iii) a Modified Monash 4 area; or  (iv) a Modified Monash 5 area; or  (v) a Modified Monash 6 area; or  (vi) a Modified Monash 7 area | 43.90 |
| 93626 | Professional attendance by a medical practitioner (other than a general practitioner) for the purpose of assessing a patient’s suitability for the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:  (a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:  (i) a short patient history;  (ii) limited examination and management;  (b) the service is bulk-billed;  (c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 1 area | 28.20 |
| 93627 | Professional attendance by a medical practitioner (other than a general practitioner) for the purpose of assessing a patient’s suitability for the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:  (a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:  (i) a short patient history;  (ii) limited examination and management;  (b) the service is bulk-billed;  (c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in:  (i) a Modified Monash 2 area; or  (ii) a Modified Monash 3 area; or  (iii) a Modified Monash 4 area; or  (iv) a Modified Monash 5 area; or  (v) a Modified Monash 6 area; or  (vi) a Modified Monash 7 area | 39.75 |
| **Subgroup 2— After-Hours Assessing Patient Suitability for the First Dose of a COVID-19 Vaccine** | | |
| 93634 | Professional attendance by a general practitioner for the purpose of assessing a patient’s suitability for the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:  (a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:  (i) a short patient history;  (ii) limited examination and management;  (b) the service is bulk-billed;  (c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 1 area;  (d) the service is rendered in an after-hours period | 50.45 |
| 93635 | Professional attendance by a general practitioner for the purpose of assessing a patient’s suitability for the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:  (a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:  (i) a short patient history;  (ii) limited examination and management;  (b) the service is bulk-billed;  (c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in:  (i) a Modified Monash 2 area; or  (ii) a Modified Monash 3 area; or  (iii) a Modified Monash 4 area; or  (iv) a Modified Monash 5 area; or  (v) a Modified Monash 6 area; or  (vi) a Modified Monash 7 area;  (d) the service is rendered in an after-hours period | 58.20 |
| 93636 | Professional attendance by a medical practitioner (other than a general practitioner) for the purpose of assessing a patient’s suitability for the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:  (a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:  (i) a short patient history;  (ii) limited examination and management;  (b) the service is bulk-billed;  (c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 1 area;  (d) the service is rendered in an after-hours period | 39.95 |
| 93637 | Professional attendance by a medical practitioner (other than a general practitioner) for the purpose of assessing a patient’s suitability for the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:  (a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:  (i) a short patient history;  (ii) limited examination and management;  (b) the service is bulk-billed;  (c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in:  (i) a Modified Monash 2 area; or  (ii) a Modified Monash 3 area; or  (iii) a Modified Monash 4 area; or  (iv) a Modified Monash 5 area; or  (v) a Modified Monash 6 area; or  (vi) a Modified Monash 7 area;  (d) the service is rendered in an after-hours period | 51.15 |
| **Subgroup 3— Assessing Patient Suitability for the Second or Subsequent Dose of a COVID-19 Vaccine** | | |
| 93644 | Professional attendance by a general practitioner for the purpose of assessing a patient’s suitability for the second or subsequent dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:  (a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:  (i) a short patient history;  (ii) limited examination and management;  (b) the service is bulk-billed;  (c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 1 area | 28.50 |
| 93645 | Professional attendance by a general practitioner for the purpose of assessing a patient’s suitability for the second or subsequent dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:  (a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:  (i) a short patient history;  (ii) limited examination and management;  (b) the service is bulk-billed;  (c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in:  (i) a Modified Monash 2 area; or  (ii) a Modified Monash 3 area; or  (iii) a Modified Monash 4 area; or  (iv) a Modified Monash 5 area; or  (v) a Modified Monash 6 area; or  (vi) a Modified Monash 7 area | 32.40 |
| 93646 | Professional attendance by a medical practitioner (other than a general practitioner) for the purpose of assessing a patient’s suitability for the second or subsequent dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:  (a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:  (i) a short patient history;  (ii) limited examination and management;  (b) the service is bulk-billed;  (c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 1 area | 20.55 |
| 93647 | Professional attendance by a medical practitioner (other than a general practitioner) for the purpose of assessing a patient’s suitability for the second or subsequent dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:  (a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:  (i) a short patient history;  (ii) limited examination and management;  (b) the service is bulk-billed;  (c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in:  (i) a Modified Monash 2 area; or  (ii) a Modified Monash 3 area; or  (iii) a Modified Monash 4 area; or  (iv) a Modified Monash 5 area; or  (v) a Modified Monash 6 area; or  (vi) a Modified Monash 7 area | 28.20 |
| **Subgroup 4— After-Hours Assessing Patient Suitability for the Second or Subsequent Dose of a COVID-19 Vaccine** | | |
| 93653 | Professional attendance by a general practitioner for the purpose of assessing a patient’s suitability for the second or subsequent dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:  (a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:  (i) a short patient history;  (ii) limited examination and management;  (b) the service is bulk-billed;  (c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 1 area;  (d) the service is rendered in an after-hours period | 42.80 |
| 93654 | Professional attendance by a general practitioner for the purpose of assessing a patient’s suitability for the second or subsequent dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:  (a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:  (i) a short patient history;  (ii) limited examination and management;  (b) the service is bulk-billed;  (c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in:  (i) a Modified Monash 2 area; or  (ii) a Modified Monash 3 area; or  (iii) a Modified Monash 4 area; or  (iv) a Modified Monash 5 area; or  (v) a Modified Monash 6 area; or  (vi) a Modified Monash 7 area;  (d) the service is rendered in an after-hours period | 46.70 |
| 93655 | Professional attendance by a medical practitioner (other than a general practitioner) for the purpose of assessing a patient’s suitability for the second or subsequent dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:  (a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:  (i) a short patient history;  (ii) limited examination and management;  (b) the service is bulk-billed;  (c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 1 area;  (d) the service is rendered in an after-hours period | 32.30 |
| 93656 | Professional attendance by a medical practitioner (other than a general practitioner) for the purpose of assessing a patient’s suitability for the second or subsequent dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:  (a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:  (i) a short patient history;  (ii) limited examination and management;  (b) the service is bulk-billed;  (c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in:  (i) a Modified Monash 2 area; or  (ii) a Modified Monash 3 area; or  (iii) a Modified Monash 4 area; or  (iv) a Modified Monash 5 area; or  (v) a Modified Monash 6 area; or  (vi) a Modified Monash 7 area;  (d) the service is rendered in an after-hours period | 39.60 |

Schedule 4— Indexation

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1. **Schedule (item 10660, column 3)**

Omit “45.55”, substitute “45.95”.

1. **Schedule (item 10661, column 3)**

Omit “36.45”, substitute “36.80”.