



Human Services (Medicare) (Medicare Programs) Specification 2021

made under paragraph 41G(b) of the
Human Services (Medicare) Act 1973

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About this compilation

This compilation

This is a compilation of the *Human Services (Medicare) (Medicare Programs) Specification 2021* that shows the text of the law as amended and in force on 4 May 2023 (the **compilation date**).

The notes at the end of this compilation (the **endnotes**) include information about amending laws and the amendment history of provisions of the compiled law.

Uncommenced amendments

The effect of uncommenced amendments is not shown in the text of the compiled law. Any uncommenced amendments affecting the law are accessible on the Register (www.legislation.gov.au). The details of amendments made up to, but not commenced at, the compilation date are underlined in the endnotes. For more information on any uncommenced amendments, see the Register for the compiled law.

Application, saving and transitional provisions for provisions and amendments

If the operation of a provision or amendment of the compiled law is affected by an application, saving or transitional provision that is not included in this compilation, details are included in the endnotes.

Editorial changes

For more information about any editorial changes made in this compilation, see the endnotes.

Modifications

If the compiled law is modified by another law, the compiled law operates as modified but the modification does not amend the text of the law. Accordingly, this compilation does not show the text of the compiled law as modified. For more information on any modifications, see the Register for the compiled law.

Self-repealing provisions

If a provision of the compiled law has been repealed in accordance with a provision of the law, details are included in the endnotes.

1 Name of specification

This specification is the *Human Services (Medicare) (Medicare Programs) Specification 2021*.

4 Medicare programs

For paragraph 41G(b) of the *Human Services (Medicare) Act 1973*, the services, benefits, programs and facilities specified in Schedule 1 are medicare programs.

Note Other medicare programs are specified in paragraph 41G(a) of the *Human Services (Medicare) Act 1973*.

Schedule 1 Medicare programs

(section 4)

Item	Service, benefit, program or facility
1	Rural Other Medical Practitioners Program
2	MedicarePlus for Other Medical Practitioners Program
3	After Hours Other Medical Practitioners Program
4	Temporary Resident Other Medical Practitioners Program
5	Outer Metropolitan Other Medical Practitioners Program
6	Life Saving Drugs Program
7	Premium Free Dispensing Incentive
8	Prescription Shopping Program
9	Inborn Errors of Metabolism Program
10	Australian Organ Donor Register
11	Practice Incentives Program
12	Aged Care Education and Training Incentive Program
13	Medical Indemnity Program
14	Midwife Professional Indemnity Scheme
15	Radiation Oncology Registration Program
16	Hearing Services Program
17	Disaster Health Care Assistance Scheme
18	Australian Health Survey
19	Contenance Aids Payment Scheme
20	External Breast Prostheses Reimbursement Program
21	Stoma Appliance Scheme

Item	Service, benefit, program or facility
22	Cleft Lip and Cleft Lip Palate Scheme
23	Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Claim and Prior Approval Processing
24	Claims processing and payment under Chapter 6 of the <i>Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004</i>
25	Lifetime Health Cover Mailout
26	Aged Care Gateway
27	Australian Immunisation Register
28	Workforce Incentive Program – Doctor Stream
29	Workforce Incentive Program – Practice Stream
30	Thalidomide Survivors Support Program
31	Australian General Practice Training Program

Endnotes

Endnote 1—About the endnotes

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The endnotes provide information about this compilation and the compiled law.

The following endnotes are included in every compilation:

Endnote 1—About the endnotes

Endnote 2—Abbreviation key

Endnote 3—Legislation history

Endnote 4—Amendment history

Abbreviation key—Endnote 2

The abbreviation key sets out abbreviations that may be used in the endnotes.

Legislation history and amendment history—Endnotes 3 and 4

Amending laws are annotated in the legislation history and amendment history.

The legislation history in endnote 3 provides information about each law that has amended (or will amend) the compiled law. The information includes commencement details for amending laws and details of any application, saving or transitional provisions that are not included in this compilation.

The amendment history in endnote 4 provides information about amendments at the provision (generally section or equivalent) level. It also includes information about any provision of the compiled law that has been repealed in accordance with a provision of the law.

Editorial changes

The *Legislation Act 2003* authorises First Parliamentary Counsel to make editorial and presentational changes to a compiled law in preparing a compilation of the law for registration. The changes must not change the effect of the law. Editorial changes take effect from the compilation registration date.

If the compilation includes editorial changes, the endnotes include a brief outline of the changes in general terms. Full details of any changes can be obtained from the Office of Parliamentary Counsel.

Misdescribed amendments

A misdescribed amendment is an amendment that does not accurately describe how an amendment is to be made. If, despite the misdescription, the amendment can be given effect as intended, then the misdescribed amendment can be incorporated through an editorial change made under section 15V of the *Legislation Act 2003*.

If a misdescribed amendment cannot be given effect as intended, the amendment is not incorporated and “(md not incorp)” is added to the amendment history.

Endnote 2—Abbreviation key

ad = added or inserted	o = order(s)
am = amended	Ord = Ordinance
amdt = amendment	orig = original
c = clause(s)	par = paragraph(s)/subparagraph(s) /sub-subparagraph(s)
C[x] = Compilation No. x	pres = present
Ch = Chapter(s)	prev = previous
def = definition(s)	(prev...) = previously
Dict = Dictionary	Pt = Part(s)
disallowed = disallowed by Parliament	r = regulation(s)/rule(s)
Div = Division(s)	reloc = relocated
ed = editorial change	renum = renumbered
exp = expires/expired or ceases/ceased to have effect	rep = repealed
F = Federal Register of Legislation	rs = repealed and substituted
gaz = gazette	s = section(s)/subsection(s)
LA = <i>Legislation Act 2003</i>	Sch = Schedule(s)
LIA = <i>Legislative Instruments Act 2003</i>	Sdiv = Subdivision(s)
(md) = misdescribed amendment can be given effect	SLI = Select Legislative Instrument
(md not incorp) = misdescribed amendment cannot be given effect	SR = Statutory Rules
mod = modified/modification	Sub-Ch = Sub-Chapter(s)
No. = Number(s)	SubPt = Subpart(s)
	<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced or to be commenced

Endnotes

Endnote 3—Legislation history

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Name	Registration	Commencement	Application, saving and transitional provisions
Human Services (Medicare) (Medicare Programs) Specification 2021	20 Aug 2021 (F2021L01153)	21 Aug 2021 (s 2)	
Human Services (Medicare) (Medicare Programs) Amendment Specification 2023	3 May 2023 (F2023L00522)	4 May 2023 (s 2)	—

Endnote 4—Amendment history

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Provision affected	How affected
s 2	rep LA s 48D
s 3	rep LA s 48C
Schedule 1	
Schedule 1	am F2023L00522