



Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Rural Bulk-billing Incentive) Regulations 2021

I, General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, make the following regulations.

Dated 09 December 2021

David Hurley
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

Greg Hunt
Minister for Health and Aged Care

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Rural Bulk-billing Incentive) Regulations 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	1 January 2022.	1 January 2022

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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 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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.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—Rural bulk-billing incentive

Health Insurance (Diagnostic Imaging Services Table) Regulations (No. 2) 2020

1 Subclauses 1.2.20(3) and 1.2 21(10) of Schedule 1

Omit “or 64991”, substitute “, 64991, 64992, 64993, 64994 or 64995”.

2 Clause 2.6.1 of Schedule 1 (heading)

Repeal the heading, substitute:

2.6.1 Application of items 64990, 64991, 64992, 64993, 64994 and 64995

3 Subclause 2.6.1(1) of Schedule 1

Repeal the subclause.

4 Subclause 2.6.1(2) of Schedule 1

Omit “64990 or 64991”, substitute “64990, 64991, 64992, 64993, 64994 or 64995”.

5 Schedule 1 (item 64990, column 2)

Omit “64991”, substitute “64991, 64992, 64993, 64994 or 64995”.

6 Schedule 1 (item 64991, column 2)

Omit “64990”, substitute “64990, 64992, 64993, 64994 or 64995”.

7 Schedule 1 (item 64991, column 2, paragraph (e))

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

(e) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 2 area

8 Clause 2.6.2 of Schedule 1 (at the end of the table)

Add:

64992	A diagnostic imaging service to which an item in this Schedule (other than this item or item 64990, 64991, 64993, 64994 or 64995) applies if: (a) the service is an unreferred service; and (b) the service is provided to a person who is under the age of 16 or is a Commonwealth concession card holder; and (c) the person is not an admitted patient of a hospital; and (d) the service is bulk-billed in relation to the fees for: (i) this item; and (ii) the other item in this Schedule applying to the service; and (e) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in: (i) a Modified Monash 3 area; or (ii) a Modified Monash 4 area	11.55
64993	A diagnostic imaging service to which an item in this Schedule (other than this item or item 64990, 64991, 64992, 64994 or 64995) applies	12.25

	if:	
	(a) the service is an unREFERRED service; and	
	(b) the service is provided to a person who is under the age of 16 or is a Commonwealth concession card holder; and	
	(c) the person is not an admitted patient of a hospital; and	
	(d) the service is bulk-billed in relation to the fees for:	
	(i) this item; and	
	(ii) the other item in this Schedule applying to the service; and	
	(e) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 5 area	
64994	A diagnostic imaging service to which an item in this Schedule (other than this item or item 64990, 64991, 64992, 64993 or 64995) applies if:	13.00
	(a) the service is an unREFERRED service; and	
	(b) the service is provided to a person who is under the age of 16 or is a Commonwealth concession card holder; and	
	(c) the person is not an admitted patient of a hospital; and	
	(d) the service is bulk-billed in relation to the fees for:	
	(i) this item; and	
	(ii) the other item in this Schedule applying to the service; and	
	(e) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 6 area	
64995	A diagnostic imaging service to which an item in this Schedule (other than this item or item 64990, 64991, 64992, 64993 or 64994) applies if:	14.25
	(a) the service is an unREFERRED service; and	
	(b) the service is provided to a person who is under the age of 16 or is a Commonwealth concession card holder; and	
	(c) the person is not an admitted patient of a hospital; and	
	(d) the service is bulk-billed in relation to the fees for:	
	(i) this item; and	
	(ii) the other item in this Schedule applying to the service; and	
	(e) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 7 area	

Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2021

9 Clause 3.2.1 of Schedule 1

Repeal the following definitions:

- (a) definition of ***ASGC***;
- (b) definition of ***designated area***;
- (c) definition of ***SLA***;
- (d) definition of ***SSD***.

10 Clause 3.2.2 of Schedule 1

Repeal the clause, substitute:

3.2.2 Application of items 10990, 10991, 10992, 75855, 75856, 75857 and 75858

If item 10990, 10991, 10992, 75855, 75856, 75857 or 75858 applies to a medical service, the fee mentioned in that item applies in addition to the fee mentioned in another item in this Schedule that applies to the service.

11 Schedule 1 (item 10990, column 2)

Omit “10991 or 10992”, substitute “10991, 10992, 75855, 75856, 75857 or 75858”.

12 Schedule 1 (item 10990, column 2, paragraph (b))

Omit “patient”, substitute “person”.

13 Schedule 1 (item 10990, column 2, paragraph (c))

Omit “the patient”, substitute “the person”.

14 Schedule 1 (item 10991, column 2)

Omit “10990 or 10992”, substitute “10990, 10992, 75855, 75856, 75857 or 75858”.

15 Schedule 1 (item 10991, column 2, paragraph (b))

Omit “patient”, substitute “person”.

16 Schedule 1 (item 10991, column 2, paragraph (c))

Omit “the patient”, substitute “the person”.

17 Schedule 1 (item 10991, column 2, paragraph (e))

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

(e) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 2 area

18 Schedule 1 (item 10992, column 2, paragraph (d))

Omit “patient”, substitute “person”.

19 Schedule 1 (item 10992, column 2, paragraph (e))

Omit “the patient”, substitute “the person”.

20 Schedule 1 (item 10992, column 2, paragraphs (g), (h) and (i))

Repeal the paragraphs, substitute:

(g) the service is provided in any of the following areas:

- (i) a Modified Monash 2 area;
- (ii) a Modified Monash 3 area;
- (iii) a Modified Monash 4 area;
- (iv) a Modified Monash 5 area;
- (v) a Modified Monash 6 area;
- (vi) a Modified Monash 7 area; and

(h) the service is provided by, or on behalf of, a medical practitioner whose practice location is not in an area mentioned in paragraph (g); and

(i) the service is bulk-billed in relation to the fees for:

- (i) this item; and
- (ii) the other item mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) applying to the service

21 Clause 3.2.3 of Schedule 1 (at the end of the table)

Add:

75855	<p>A medical service to which an item in this Schedule (other than this item or item 10990, 10991, 10992, 75856, 75857 or 75858) applies if:</p> <p>(a) the service is an unreferral service; and</p> <p>(b) the service is provided to a person who is under the age of 16 or is a concessional beneficiary; and</p> <p>(c) the person is not an admitted patient of a hospital; and</p> <p>(d) the service is bulk-billed in relation to the fees for:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(i) this item; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(ii) the other item in this Schedule applying to the service; and</p> <p>(e) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(i) a Modified Monash 3 area; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(ii) a Modified Monash 4 area</p>	12.30
75856	<p>A medical service to which an item in this Schedule (other than this item or item 10990, 10991, 10992, 75855, 75857 or 75858) applies if:</p> <p>(a) the service is an unreferral service; and</p> <p>(b) the service is provided to a person who is under the age of 16 or is a concessional beneficiary; and</p> <p>(c) the person is not an admitted patient of a hospital; and</p> <p>(d) the service is bulk-billed in relation to the fees for:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(i) this item; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(ii) the other item in this Schedule applying to the service; and</p> <p>(e) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 5 area</p>	13.10
75857	<p>A medical service to which an item in this Schedule (other than this item or item 10990, 10991, 10992, 75855, 75856 or 75858) applies if:</p> <p>(a) the service is an unreferral service; and</p> <p>(b) the service is provided to a person who is under the age of 16 or is a concessional beneficiary; and</p> <p>(c) the persons not an admitted patient of a hospital; and</p> <p>(d) the service is bulk-billed in relation to the fees for:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(i) this item; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(ii) the other item in this Schedule applying to the service; and</p> <p>(e) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 6 area</p>	13.85
75858	<p>A medical service to which an item in this Schedule (other than this item or item 10990, 10991, 10992, 75855, 75856 or 75857) applies if:</p> <p>(a) the service is an unreferral service; and</p> <p>(b) the service is provided to a person who is under the age of 16 or is a concessional beneficiary; and</p> <p>(c) the person is not an admitted patient of a hospital; and</p> <p>(d) the service is bulk-billed in relation to the fees for:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(i) this item; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(ii) the other item in this Schedule applying to the service; and</p> <p>(e) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 7 area</p>	14.65

22 Subclause 5.5.3(3) of Schedule 1

Omit “items 10990, 10991 or 10992”, substitute “item 10990, 10991, 10992, 75855, 75856, 75857 or 75858”.

23 Clause 7.1.1 of Schedule 1

Repeal the following definitions:

- (a) definition of *ASGC*;
- (b) definition of *designated area*;
- (c) definition of *SLA*;
- (d) definition of *SSD*.

Health Insurance (Pathology Services Table) Regulations 2020

24 Paragraph 1.2.2(b) of Schedule 1

Omit “or 74991”, substitute “, 74991, 75861, 75862, 75863 or 75864”.

25 Clause 2.12.1 of Schedule 1

Repeal the clause, substitute:

2.12.1 Application of items 74990, 74991, 75861, 75862, 75863 and 75864

Despite clause 1.2.1, if item 74990, 74991, 75861, 75862, 75863 or 75864 applies to a pathology service, the fee specified in that item applies in addition to the fee specified in any other item in this Schedule that applies to the service.

26 Schedule 1 (item 74990, column 2)

Omit “74991”, substitute “74991, 75861, 75862, 75863 or 75864”.

27 Schedule 1 (item 74991, column 2)

Omit “74990”, substitute “74990, 75861, 75862, 75863 or 75864”.

28 Schedule 1 (item 74991, column 2, paragraph (e))

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

(e) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 2 area

29 Clause 2.12.2 of Schedule 1 (at the end of the table)

Add:

75861	A pathology service to which an item in this Schedule (other than this item or item 74990, 74991, 75862, 75863 or 75864) applies if: (a) the service is an unREFERRED service; and (b) the service is rendered to a person who is under the age of 16 or is a concessional beneficiary; and (c) the person is not an admitted patient of a hospital; and (d) the service is bulk-billed in relation to the fees for: (i) this item; and (ii) the other item in this Schedule applying to the service; and (e) the service is rendered at, or from, a practice location in:	11.55
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	(i) a Modified Monash 3 area; or (ii) a Modified Monash 4 area	
75862	A pathology service to which an item in this Schedule (other than this item or item 74990, 74991, 75861, 75863 or 75864) applies if: (a) the service is an unreferral service; and (b) the service is rendered to a person who is under the age of 16 or is a Commonwealth concession card holder; and (c) the person is not an admitted patient of a hospital; and (d) the service is bulk-billed in relation to the fees for: (i) this item; and (ii) the other item in this Schedule applying to the service; and (e) the service is rendered at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 5 area	12.25
75863	A pathology service to which an item in this Schedule (other than this item or item 74990, 74991, 75861, 75862, or 75864) applies if: (a) the service is an unreferral service; and (b) the service is rendered to a person who is under the age of 16 or is a Commonwealth concession card holder; and (c) the person is not an admitted patient of a hospital; and (d) the service is bulk-billed in relation to the fees for: (i) this item; and (ii) the other item in this Schedule applying to the service; and (e) the service is rendered at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 6 area	13.00
75864	A pathology service to which an item in this Schedule (other than this item or item 74990, 74991, 75861, 75862 or 75863) applies if: (a) the service is an unreferral service; and (b) the service is rendered to a person who is under the age of 16 or is a Commonwealth concession card holder; and (c) the person is not an admitted patient of a hospital; and (d) the service is bulk-billed in relation to the fees for: (i) this item; and (ii) the other item in this Schedule applying to the service; and (e) the service is rendered at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 7 area	14.25