



# **Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Extension of Cessation Dates and Pathology COVID-19 Services Amendments) Determination 2021**

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I, Travis Haslam, delegate of the Minister for Health and Aged Care, make the following Determination.

Dated                    16 December 2021

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## 1 Name

This instrument is the *Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Extension of Cessation Dates and Pathology COVID-19 Services Amendments) 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. Sections 1 to 4, Schedule 1.	Immediately after registration of the instrument.	
4. Schedule 2	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Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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 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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

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## **Schedule 1— Amend Cessation Dates**

### ***Health Insurance (Section 3C Pathology Services – COVID-19) Determination 2020***

#### **1. Section 3**

Repeal the section, substitute:

#### **3. Cessation**

Unless earlier revoked this instrument ceases on 30 June 2022 at 11.59pm.

### ***Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical – Expansion of GP and Allied Health Mental Health Services) Determination 2020***

#### **2. Section 4**

Repeal the section, substitute:

#### **4 Cessation**

Unless earlier revoked this instrument ceases as if revoked on 31 December 2022 at 11.59pm.

### ***Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services - COVID-19 Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Determination 2020***

#### **3. Section 4**

After “2021”, insert “at 11.59pm”.

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## Schedule 2— Pathology COVID-19 Services

### **Health Insurance (Section 3C Pathology Services – COVID-19) Determination 2020**

#### **1. Section 5 (definitions for aged care service, driver, heavy vehicle, Heavy Vehicle National Law and rail crew member)**

Repeal the definitions.

#### **2. Subsection 6(1)**

Omit “69476, 69477, ”.

#### **3. Subsections 6(2) and (3)**

Repeal the subsections.

#### **4. Subsection 7(1)**

Omit “69476, 69477, ”.

#### **5. Schedule 1 (items 69476 and 69477)**

Repeal the items.

#### **6. Schedule 1 (item 69479)**

Repeal the item, substitute:

69479	Detection of a SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid 1 or more tests if: (a) the person is a private patient in a recognised hospital and the fee charged for the service does not exceed the schedule fee; or (b) the person receives a bulk-billed service from a prescribed laboratory as described in 4.1 of the Pathology Services Table	42.50
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#### **7. Schedule 1 (item 69480)**

Repeal the item, substitute:

69480	Detection of a SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid 1 or more tests if: (a) the person is a private patient in a hospital other than a recognised hospital and the fee charged for the service does not exceed the schedule fee; or (b) the person receives a bulk-billed service not covered by item 69479	85.00
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#### **8. Schedule 1 (item 69501)**

Repeal the item.

#### **9. Schedule 1 (note below the table)**

Repeal the note.