



Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – General Practice Attendance for Assessing Patient Suitability for a COVID-19 Vaccine) Amendment (No. 4) Determination 2021

I, Travis Haslam, 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. 4) 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. The whole of this instrument	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Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1— Amendments

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

1. Subsection 7(1)

Repeal the subsection, substitute:

- (1) An item in the Schedule (other than items 10660, 10661, 93660 and 93661) applies to a service whether the service is provided:
- (a) by a medical practitioner; or
 - (b) on behalf of a medical practitioner by a relevant health professional.

Note: see subsection 3(17) of the Act for when a service is taken to be rendered on behalf of a medical practitioner.

- (1A) For the purposes of items 93660 and 93661, the medical practitioner on whose behalf the service is provided:
- (a) is not required to attend the location where the service is provided by the relevant health professional; and
 - (b) retains responsibility for the health, safety and clinical outcomes of the patient; and
 - (c) must be satisfied that the relevant health professional is appropriately qualified and trained to provide the service.

2. After subsection 9(4)

Insert:

- (5) Subsection (1) applies to a service provided on behalf of a medical practitioner by a relevant health professional.

3. Schedule (after item 10661)

Insert:

Subgroup 6— Off-Site Patient Assessment on Behalf of a Medical Practitioner

93660	Attendance by a relevant health professional on behalf of a medical practitioner for the purpose of assessing a patient's suitability for a dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply: (a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:	24.70
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a short patient history; (ii) limited examination and management; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (b) the service is bulk-billed; (c) the service is not provided at a practice location; and (d) the service is provided from a practice location in a Modified Monash 1 area 	
93661	<p>Attendance by a relevant health professional on behalf of a medical practitioner for the purpose of assessing a patient's suitability for a dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a short patient history; (ii) limited examination and management; (b) the service is bulk-billed; (c) the service is not provided at a practice location; and (d) the service is provided from a practice location in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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
