



# **Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Amendment (Natural Disaster Exemption) Determination 2022**

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

Dated                7 April 2022

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## 1 Name

This instrument is the *Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Amendment (Natural Disaster Exemption) Determination 2022*.

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Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.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

### ***Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Determination 2021***

#### **1. Subsection 5(1) (definition of *person who is in a flood affected area*)**

Repeal the definition, substitute:

*person who is in a natural disaster affected area* means a patient who, at the time of accessing the telehealth or telephone service, is located within a State or Territory local government area which is declared as a natural disaster area by a State or Territory Government.

#### **2. Subparagraph 7(6)(a)(vii)**

Repeal the subparagraph, substitute:

(vii) a person who is in a natural disaster affected area; or