

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

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 Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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 Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

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.

1. **Subparagraph 7(6)(a)(vii)**

Repeal the subparagraph, substitute:

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