

Health Insurance (Professional Services Review Scheme) Amendment (2022 Measures No. 4) Regulations 2022

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 15 September 2022

David Hurley

Governor‑General

By His Excellency’s Command

Mark Butler

Minister for Health and Aged Care

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Health Insurance (Professional Services Review Scheme) Amendment (2022 Measures No. 4) Regulations 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 | 1 October 2022. | 1 October 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Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.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—Amendments

Health Insurance (Professional Services Review Scheme) Regulations 2019

1 Section 5

Insert:

***relevant phone service*** means a service specified in any of the following items of the general medical services table:

(a) an item in any of the following Subgroups of Group A40:

(i) Subgroup 2;

(ii) Subgroup 8;

(iii) Subgroup 10;

(iv) Subgroup 16;

(v) Subgroup 20;

(vi) Subgroup 28;

(vii) Subgroup 40;

(viii) Subgroup 41;

(b) an item in Subgroup 3 of Group A45;

(c) an item listed in the following table.

| Relevant phone services—individual items | | |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Item | Column 1  Group or Subgroup | Column 2  Items of the general medical services table |
| 1 | Subgroup 26 of Group A40 | 92176, 92177 |
| 2 | Subgroup 1 of Group A41 | 93302, 93305 |
| 3 | Subgroup 2 of Group A41 | 93308, 93311 |
| 4 | Subgroup 2 of Group A42 | 93423 |
| 5 | Subgroup 4 of Group A42 | 93453 |

Note: Some services are specified in items set out in determinations under subsection 3C(1) of the Act.

2 Section 8

Repeal the section, substitute:

8 Circumstances for medical practitioners for prescribed pattern of services

For the purposes of section 82A of the Act, circumstances in which services rendered or initiated by a medical practitioner constitute a ***prescribed pattern of services*** are that:

(a) the medical practitioner renders or initiates 80 or more relevant services on each of 20 or more days in a 12 month period; or

(b) the medical practitioner renders or initiates 30 or more relevant phone services on each of 20 or more days in a 12 month period.

3 At the end of the instrument

Add:

Part 5—Transitional provisions

12 Amendments made by the *Health Insurance (Professional Services Review Scheme) Amendment (2022 Measures No. 4) Regulations 2022*

Paragraph 8(b) applies in relation to relevant phone services rendered on or after 1 October 2022.