



Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Amendment (High Risk Groups) Determination 2022

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 – Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Amendment (High Risk Groups) 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	The day after registration.	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.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) (after the definition of *person who is in a natural disaster affected area*)

Insert:

person who meets the PBS criteria for COVID-19 antiviral therapy means a person who is:

- (a) 70 years of age or older;
- (b) 50 years of age or older with at least two additional risk factors;
- (c) of First Nations descent, who is 30 years of age or older and with at least one additional risk factor; or
- (d) 18 years of age or older and who is moderately to severely immunocompromised.

2 Subsection 7(6) (after subparagraph (vii))

Insert:

- (viii) a person who meets the PBS criteria for COVID-19 antiviral therapy who is experiencing acute respiratory symptoms; or