



# Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (2023 Measures No. 2) Regulations 2023

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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 8 June 2023

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 Legislation Amendment (2023 Measures No. 2) Regulations 2023*.

## 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	Immediately after the commencement of Schedule 3 to the <i>Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (2023 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2023</i> .	1 July 2023

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

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## Schedule 1—Amendments

### *Health Insurance (Diagnostic Imaging Services Table) Regulations (No. 2) 2020*

#### **1 Subclause 2.5.1(3) of Schedule 1**

Omit “Subgroup 22”, substitute “Subgroups 22 and 32”.

#### **2 Clause 2.5.9 of Schedule 1 (after table item 17)**

Insert:

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#### **3 Subclause 2.5.13A(1) of Schedule 1**

Omit “Subject to subclauses (2), (3) and (4), if item 63491, 63494 or 63497”, substitute “Subject to subclauses (2) to (7), if item 63491, 63494, 63497, 63498 or 63499”.

#### **4 At the end of clause 2.5.13A of Schedule 1**

Add:

- (5) If 2 or more MRI services mentioned in item 63498 are performed for a person on the same day, the fee specified in that item applies to one of those services only.
- (6) If 2 or more MRI services mentioned in item 63499 are performed for a person on the same day, the fee specified in that item applies to one of those services only.
- (7) If:
  - (a) one or more services mentioned in item 63498; and
  - (b) one or more services mentioned in item 63499;are performed for a person on the same day, the fee specified in item 63498 or item 63499, but not both those items, applies to one of those services only.

### *Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2021*

#### **5 Clause 1.1.2 of Schedule 1**

Repeal the clause, substitute:

##### **1.1.2 Meaning of *eligible non-vocationally recognised medical practitioner***

- (1) In this Schedule:

*eligible non-vocationally recognised medical practitioner* means:

- (a) a medical practitioner:
  - (i) who is registered under the MedicarePlus for Other Medical Practitioners Program; and
  - (ii) who successfully completed the requirements of that Program, as evidenced by written advice from the Chief Executive Medicare; or

Note: The MedicarePlus for Other Medical Practitioners Program will cease on 31 December 2023.

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- (b) a medical practitioner who:
    - (i) as at 30 June 2023, was registered under:
      - (A) the After Hours Other Medical Practitioners Program; or
      - (B) the Outer Metropolitan (Other Medical Practitioners) Relocation Incentive Program; or
      - (C) the Rural Other Medical Practitioners' Program; and
    - (ii) is registered under, and providing general medical services in accordance with, the Other Medical Practitioners Extension Program; or
  - (c) a medical practitioner:
    - (i) who is registered as a medical practitioner under the MedicarePlus for Other Medical Practitioners Program; and
    - (ii) providing general medical services in accordance with that Program.

Note: The MedicarePlus for Other Medical Practitioners Program will cease on 31 December 2023.

- (2) In subclause (1):

***After Hours Other Medical Practitioners Program*** means the program by that name that, before 1 July 2023, was administered by the Chief Executive Medicare.

***MedicarePlus for Other Medical Practitioners Program*** means the program by that name administered by the Chief Executive Medicare that, for medical services provided in accordance with the Program, provides a particular level of medicare benefits.

***Other Medical Practitioners Extension Program*** means the program by that name administered by the Chief Executive Medicare that, for medical services provided in accordance with the Program, provides a particular level of medicare benefits.

***Outer Metropolitan (Other Medical Practitioners) Relocation Incentive Program*** means the program by that name that, before 1 July 2023, was administered by the Chief Executive Medicare.

***Rural Other Medical Practitioners' Program*** means the program by that name that, before 1 July 2023, was administered by the Chief Executive Medicare.

Note 1: The After Hours Other Medical Practitioners Program, the Outer Metropolitan (Other Medical Practitioners) Relocation Incentive Program and the Rural Other Medical Practitioners' Program ceased on 30 June 2023.

Note 2: The MedicarePlus for Other Medical Practitioners Program will cease on 31 December 2023.

## **6 Clause 2.14.4 of Schedule 1**

Repeal the clause, substitute:

### **2.14.4 Restrictions on items in Group A11—practitioners**

- (1) Item 585 does not apply to a service described in the item that is provided by an eligible non-vocationally recognised medical practitioner registered under the Other Medical Practitioners Extension Program (within the meaning of subclause 1.1.2(2)) who:

- (a) was registered under the After Hours Other Medical Practitioners Program on or before 30 June 2023; and
  - (b) provides the service through a medical deputising service.
- (2) Each of items 588 and 591 apply to a service described in the item only if the service is provided by:
- (a) a medical practitioner other than a general practitioner; or
  - (b) an eligible non-vocationally recognised medical practitioner registered under the Other Medical Practitioners Extension Program (within the meaning of subclause 1.1.2(2)) who:
    - (i) was registered under the After Hours Other Medical Practitioners Program on or before 30 June 2023; and
    - (ii) provides the service through a medical deputising service.

**7 Schedule 1 (item 30630, column 3)**

Omit “518.95”, substitute “518.90”.