

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGED CARE

HEALTH INSURANCE ACT 1973

**Health Insurance (Medicare Benefits Payable in Respect of Professional Services –
Commonwealth Urgent Care Clinic Program –Victorian Priority Primary Care
Centres) Direction (No. 2) 2023**

I, Nigel Murray, Assistant Secretary, MBS Policy and Specialist Programs Branch, Medicare Benefits and Digital Health Division, Health Resourcing Group, delegate for the Minister for Health and Aged Care, acting under subsection 19(2) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, hereby:

1. REVOKE the Health Insurance (Medicare Benefits Payable in Respect of Professional Services –Commonwealth Urgent Care Clinic Program –Victorian Priority Primary Care Centres) Direction 2023 made under subsection 19(2) of the Act that was signed on 26 September 2023; and
2. DIRECT that Medicare Benefits shall be payable in respect of:
 - (a) A professional service (as defined in Section 3 of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*) which has been agreed to be provided:
 - (i) between the Commonwealth (represented by the Department of Health and Aged Care, ABN: 83 605 426 759) and the State of Victoria (represented by the Victorian Department of Health, ABN: 74 410 330 756) by a Victorian Priority Primary Care Centre that has been assessed as meeting the requirements of the Commonwealth Urgent Care Clinic program; and
 - (ii) for which items specified in Schedule A of this Direction and of the general medical services table (means the table prescribed under subsection 4(1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*) relates; and
 - (b) Where the professional service is provided to:
 - (i) an eligible person (as defined in Section 3 of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*);
 - (ii) a patient who is not receiving the service as part of an episode of hospital treatment (as defined in Section 121-5 of the *Private Health Insurance Act 2007*);
 - (iii) a patient who also is not receiving a service which attracts a payment through the 2020-2025 Addendum to the National Health Reform Agreement for a service rendered to a public patient; and
 - (c) the professional services referred to in clause (a) must be provided:
 - (i) at a practice location specified in Schedule B of this Direction; and
 - (ii) by a general practitioner or participating nurse practitioner mentioned in (a) who is registered to provide services, with Services Australia under the Commonwealth Urgent Care Clinic program.

DECLARED that this Direction commences on 1 November 2023 and ceases to have effect at the end of 30 June 2024 unless earlier revoked.

Date this 30 day of October 2023

Nigel Murray
Assistant Secretary
MBS Policy and Specialist Programs Branch
Medicare Benefits and Digital Health Division
Health Resourcing Group
Department of Health and Aged Care

SCHEDULE A

MEDICARE BENEFITS SCHEDULE ITEMS AS AGREED UNDER THE URGENT CARE CLINIC PROGRAM

For services listed in the below tables, all provisions of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* (the Act) and regulations made under the Act, and the *National Health Act 1953* and regulations made under the *National Health Act 1953*, relating to medical services, professional services or items apply.

General Medical Services Table

Group	Group Name	Subgroup	Subgroup Name	Item Number
A1	GP attendances to which no other item applies	1	Level A	3
		2	Level B	23
		3	Level C	36
		4	Level D	44
		5	Level E	123
A5	Prolonged Attendance to Which no Other Item Applies	1	Prolonged Professional Attendance	
A20	GP Mental health Care	1	GP Mental Health Treatment Plans	2713
A22	General Practitioner After-Hours Attendances To Which No Other Item Applies	1	Level A	5000
		2	Level B	5020
		3	Level C	5040
		4	Level D	5060
		5	Level E	5071
T4	Obstetrics			16500
T7	Regional or Field Nerve Blocks			18213
T8	Surgical Operations	1	General	30003, 30006, 30026, 30029, 30032, 30035, 30038, 30042, 30045, 30049, 30061, 30064, 30099, 30216, 30219
		2	Colorectal	32147
		5	Urological	36800
		8	Ear, Nose and Throat	41500, 41677
		9	Ophthalmology	42644, 42650
		14	Hand Surgery	46513, 46528, 46531
		15	Orthopaedic	47904, 47915, 47916, 47015, 47030, 47042, 47057, 47063, 47069, 47301, 47348, 47354, 47361, 47387, 47423,

Group	Group Name	Subgroup	Subgroup Name	Item Number
				47444, 47453, 47462, 47466, 47471, 47543, 47561, 47579, 47595, 47637, 47663, 47735
M1	Management of Bulk Billed Services	1	Management of General Bulk Billed Services	10990, 10991, 10992, 75855, 75856, 75857, 75858
		2	General Support Service	75870, 75871, 75872, 75873, 75874, 75875, 75876
M14	Nurse Practitioners	1	Nurse Practitioners	82200, 82205, 82210, 82215

SCHEDULE B

APPROVED PRACTICE LOCATIONS AS AGREED UNDER THE PRIORITY PRIMARY CARE CENTRE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE STATE OF VICTORIA

Approved primary care locations:

State	Location/ Town	Practice Name	Legal Name	Street Address
VIC	Baw Baw	Central Clinic Warragul	The Trustee for Barkly Street Medical Trust	170 Normanby Street, Warragul VIC 3820
VIC	Bendigo	Bendigo Primary Care	Bendigo Primary Care Centre Limited	121 Arnold Street, Bendigo VIC 3550
VIC	Craigieburn	Craigieburn Medical and Dental Centre	The Trustee for Artlu Unit Trust	70 Central Park Avenue, Craigieburn VIC 3064
VIC	Dandenong	Greens Medical Group	Keys Medical Centre Pty Ltd	1/134 Logis Boulevard, Dandenong South VIC 3175
VIC	Epping	Epping Plaza Medical and Dental Centre	The Trustee for Artlu Unit Trust	Shop 216, Epping Plaza Regional Centre, 571-583 High Street, Epping VIC 3076
VIC	Forest Hill	Forest Hill Medical and Dental Centre	The Trustee for Artlu Unit Trust	490-524 Springvale Road, Forest Hill VIC 3131
VIC	Glen Waverley	Interconnect Healthcare	The Trustee for Interconnect Healthcare Unit Trust	476 Blackburn Road, Glen Waverley VIC 3150
VIC	Latrobe	Latrobe Community Health Service	Latrobe Community Health Service Unlimited	42-44 Fowler Street, Moe VIC 3825
VIC	Maribyrnong	Edgewater Medical Centre	The Trustee for Edgewater Medical Clinic Unit Trust	G01B/31 Edgewater Boulevard, Maribyrnong VIC 3032

State	Location/ Town	Practice Name	Legal Name	Street Address
VIC	Maroondah	M3 Health Bayswater Medical Clinic	The Trustee for Modern Medical Bayswater Unit Trust	Mountain High Shopping Centre, Shop 28, 7-13 High Street, Bayswater VIC 3153
VIC	Mildura	Sunraysia Community Health	Sunraysia Community Health Services Limited	137 Thirteenth Street, Mildura VIC 3500
VIC	Moonee Ponds	Moonee Ponds Medical and Dental Centre	The Trustee for Artlu Unit Trust	34/46 Holmes Road, Moonee Ponds VIC 3039
VIC	Richmond	Access Health and Community Richmond	Access Health and Community Limited	283 Church Street, Richmond VIC 3121
VIC	Royal Children's Hospital	CoHealth	CoHealth Limited	Royal Children's Hospital, 50 Flemington Road, Parkville VIC 3052
VIC	Sunshine	Sunshine Medi Health	The Trustee for Sunshine Medi-Health Unit Trust	421 Ballarat Road, Sunshine VIC 3020
VIC	Wodonga	Wodonga Sarkon Medical	Sarkon Healthcare Pty Ltd	White Box Rise Shopping Centre, Shop 1A-2, 81 Victoria Cross Parade, Wodonga VIC 3690