



# **Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Amendment (Inpatient psychiatry attendances) Determination 2024**

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I, Louise Riley, delegate of the Minister for Health and Aged Care, make the following determination.

Dated 26 September 2024

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## 1 Name

This instrument is the *Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Amendment (Inpatient psychiatry attendances) Determination 2024*.

## 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	1 November 2024.	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

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## Schedule 1— Amendments

### *Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Determination 2021*

#### 1 After section 3

Insert:

#### 4 Cessation

Unless earlier revoked, Schedule 6 of this instrument ceases as if revoked on 31 October 2026 at 11.59pm.

#### 2 Subsection 7(1A)

After “Schedule 2”, insert “or an item listed in Schedule 6”.

#### 3 At the end of the instrument

Add:

## Schedule 6 – Temporary consultant psychiatrist telehealth services

### Division 6.1 – Services and fees – Temporary consultant psychiatrist telehealth services

#### 6.1.1 Application of temporary consultant psychiatrist telehealth service items

- (1) Clause 1.2.2 of the general medical services table shall have effect as if all items in Division 6.1 were specified in the clause.

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<b>Group A40 – Telehealth and phone attendance services</b>		
<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>
<b>Subgroup 6 – Consultant psychiatrist telehealth services</b>		
92478	Telehealth attendance for an admitted patient by a consultant psychiatrist; if: (a) the attendance follows referral of the patient to the consultant psychiatrist by a referring practitioner; and (b) the patient is located at a hospital; and (c) the attendance is not more than 15 minutes duration; and (d) the patient has not received a service to which item 92479, 92480, 92481, 92482 or 92483 applies in the last seven days (H)	50.10
92479	Telehealth attendance for an admitted patient by a consultant psychiatrist; if: (a) the attendance follows referral of the patient to the consultant psychiatrist by a referring practitioner; and (b) the patient is located at a hospital; and	100.00

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	(c) the attendance is at least 15 minutes, but not more than 30 minutes in duration; and (d) the patient has not received a service to which item 92478, 92480, 92481, 92482 or 92483 applies in the last seven days (H)	
92480	Telehealth attendance for an admitted patient by a consultant psychiatrist; if: (a) the attendance follows referral of the patient to the consultant psychiatrist by a referring practitioner; and (b) the patient is located at a hospital; and (c) the attendance was at least 30 minutes, but not more than 45 minutes in duration; and (d) the patient has not received a service to which item 92478, 92479, 92481, 92482 or 92483 applies in the last seven days (H)	153.90
92481	Telehealth attendance for an admitted patient by a consultant psychiatrist; if: (a) the attendance follows referral of the patient to the consultant psychiatrist by a referring practitioner; and (b) the patient is located at a hospital; and (c) the attendance was at least 45 minutes, but not more than 75 minutes in duration; and (d) the patient has not received a service to which item 92478, 92479, 92480, 92482 or 92483 applies in the last seven days (H)	212.40
92482	Telehealth attendance for an admitted patient by a consultant psychiatrist; if: (a) the attendance follows referral of the patient to the consultant psychiatrist by a referring practitioner; and (b) the patient is located at a hospital; and (c) the attendance was at least 75 minutes in duration; and (d) the patient has not received a service to which item 92478, 92479, 92480, 92481 or 92483 applies in the last seven days (H)	246.50
92483	Telehealth attendance of more than 45 minutes by a consultant psychiatrist following referral of the patient to the consultant psychiatrist by a referring practitioner – an attendance on a patient located at a hospital, if the patient: (a) is a new patient for this consultant psychiatrist; or (b) has not received a professional attendance from the consultant psychiatrist in the preceding 24 months; other than attendance on a patient in relation to whom this item, or any of items 296, 297, 299, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 91827 to 91831, 91837 to 91839, 92437 and 92478 to 92482 has applied in the preceding 24 months (H)	301.05