



Hearing Services Program (Voucher) Amendment (Administrative Review Tribunal and Other Matters) Instrument 2024

I, Mark Butler, Minister for Health and Aged Care, make the following instrument.

Dated 14 October 2024

Mark Butler
Minister for Health and Aged Care

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Hearing Services Program (Voucher) Amendment (Administrative Review Tribunal and Other Matters) Instrument 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 | | |
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| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 |
| Provisions | Commencement | Date/Details |
| 1. The whole of this instrument | 14 October 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Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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 the subsection 5(3), subsection 11(1), section 13, subsection 15(1) and subsection 17(1) of the *Hearing Services Administration Act 1997*.

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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.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

Hearing Services Program (Voucher) Instrument 2019

1 Section 7 (heading)

Omit “**Dependents**”, substitute “**Spouses or de facto partners**”.

2 Section 8

Repeal the section.

3 Subsection 9(a)

Omit “DVA Health Card (Gold)”, substitute “Veteran Gold Card”.

4 Subsection 9(b)

Omit “, for purposes connected with obtaining treatment for an injury, disease or condition that involves hearing loss, a card that is issued by the Commonwealth and known as a DVA Health Card (White)”, substitute “a card issued by the Commonwealth and known as a Veteran White Card”.

5 Section 10

Repeal the section.

6 Amendments of listed provisions—Administrative Review Tribunal

Omit “Administrative Appeals Tribunal” (wherever occurring) and substitute “Administrative Review Tribunal” in the following provisions:

- (a) subsection 13(1) (note);
- (b) subsection 13(5) (note);
- (c) subsection 19(1) (note);
- (d) subsection 43(2)(note).

7 Subsection 25(1)

After “If a person asks a contracted service provider about any hearing services,” insert “including devices (in person or online),”.

8 Section 28

Omit “guidance published on the program’s website”, substitute “schedule of service items and fees”.

9 Subsection 50(1) (note):

Omit “In 2019 a factsheet on Specialist Hearing Services could be viewed at <http://www.hearingservices.gov.au>.”, substitute “In 2024, information about Specialist Hearing Services could be viewed at: <https://www.health.gov.au/hear>”.