

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 - Queensland Primary Care Pilot)
Direction 2024**

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* (the Act), hereby:

- (1) REVOKE the *Health Insurance (Medicare Benefits Payable in Respect of Professional Services – Commonwealth Urgent Care Clinic Program – Queensland Primary Care Pilot) Direction (No. 3) 2023* made under subsection 19(2) of the Act that was signed on 25 November 2023; and
- (2) DIRECT that Medicare Benefits shall be payable in respect of:
 - (a) A professional service (as defined in section 3 of the Act) which has been agreed to be provided:
 - (i) under a Schedule to the Federation Funding Agreement executed on 13 June 2023 between the Commonwealth (represented by the Department of Health and Aged Care, ABN: 83 605 426 759) and the State of Queensland (represented by the Queensland Department of Health, ABN: 66 329 169 412); and
 - (ii) as part of the Commonwealth Urgent Care Clinic Program 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 Act) and pathology service table (means the table prescribed under section 4A of the Act) relates: and
 - (b) Where the professional service is provided to:
 - (i) an eligible person (as defined in section 3 of the Act);
 - (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 paragraph (2)(a) must be provided:
 - (i) at a practice location specified in Schedule B of this Direction; and

- (ii) by a general practitioner, prescribed medical practitioner or participating nurse practitioner who is registered to provide services with Services Australia under the Commonwealth Urgent Care Clinic program mentioned in paragraph (2)(a).

DECLARE that this Direction commences on 29 June 2024 and ceases to have effect at the end of 30 June 2026 unless earlier revoked.

Date this 17 day of June 2024

Nigel Murray
Assistant Secretary
MBS Policy and Specialist Programs Branch
Medicare Benefits and Digital Health Division
Health Resourcing Group
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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 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	General practitioner attendances to which no other item applies			3, 23, 36, 44, 123
A5	Prolonged attendances to which no other item applies			
A7	Acupuncture and non-specialist practitioner items	2	Prescribed medical practitioner attendance to which no other item applies	179, 185, 189, 203
		9	Prescribed medical practitioner mental health care	279
		10	Prescribed Medical Practitioner after-hours attendances to which no other item applies	733, 737, 741, 745
A20	Mental health care	1	GP mental health treatment plans	2713
A22	General practitioner after-hours attendances to which no other item applies			5000, 5020, 5040, 5060, 5071
D1	Miscellaneous diagnostic procedures and investigations	6	Cardiovascular	11707
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, 41659, 41677
		9	Ophthalmology	42644, 42650
		14	Hand or wrist surgery	46513, 46528, 46531
		15	Orthopaedic	47904, 47915, 47916, 47015, 47030, 47042, 47057, 47063, 47069, 47301, 47348, 47354, 47361, 47387, 47423, 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

Group	Group Name	Subgroup	Subgroup Name	Item Number
		2	General support service	75870, 75871, 75872, 75873, 75874, 75875, 75876
M14	Nurse practitioners	1	Nurse practitioners	82200, 82205, 82210, 82215

**Note: Claims under any item in Group A7 in the General Medical Services Table may only be exempt from subsection 19(2) of the Act when the services are claimed by a Prescribed Medical Practitioner operating under the Medicare Urgent Care Clinic Program.*

Pathology Services Table

Group	Group Name	Item Number
P9	simple basic pathology tests	73806

SCHEDULE B

APPROVED PRACTICE LOCATIONS AS AGREED UNDER THE FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND

Approved primary care locations:

State	MMM 2 Location	Practice Name	Legal Name	Street Address
QLD	Toowoomba	Toowoomba Medical and Dental Centre	Idameneo (No. 123) Pty Ltd as the Trustee for Artlu Unit Trust	Corner West and 261-269 James Street, Toowoomba QLD 4350
QLD	Townsville	Eastbrooke Family Clinic Townsville	Eastbrooke Medical Centres Pty Ltd	86 Thuringowa Drive, Thuringowa Central QLD 4817