**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 – Victoria) 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 – Victoria) 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:
3. A professional service (as defined in section 3 of the Act which has been agreed to be provided:
   1. under a Schedule to the Federation Funding Agreement executed on   
      28 June 2023 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 Treasury and Finance, ABN: 44 128 890 975); and
   2. as part of the Commonwealth Urgent Care Clinic Program for which items specified in Schedules A, B and C 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
4. Where the professional service is provided to:
5. an eligible person (as defined in section 3 of the Act);
6. 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)*; and
7. 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
8. The professional services referred to in paragraph (2)(a) must be provided:
   1. if the service is specified in Schedule A:
      1. at a practice location specified in Schedule D or E of this Direction; and
      2. 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).
   2. if the service is specified in Schedule B:
      1. at a practice location specified in Schedule D of this Direction; and
      2. by a prescribed medical practitioner who is registered to provide services with Services Australia under the Commonwealth Urgent Care Clinic program mentioned in paragraph (2)(a).
   3. if the service is specified in Schedule C:
   4. at a practice location specified in Schedule E of this Direction; and
   5. by a prescribed medical 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

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 Actand 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 | 9 | Prescribed medical practitioner mental health care | 279 |
| 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 |
| 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**

**MEDICARE BENEFITS SCHEDULE ITEMS where a clinic is located in MMM 1 locations**

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** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| A2 | Other non-referred attendances to which no other item applies | 1 | Other medical practitioner attendances | 52, 53, 54, 57 |
| A23 | Other non-referred after-hours attendances to which no other item applies | | | 5200, 5203, 5207, 5208 |

*\*Note: Claims under any item in Group A2 and A23 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.*

**SCHEDULE C**

**MEDICARE BENEFITS SCHEDULE ITEMS where a clinic is located in MMM 2-7 locations**

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** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| A7 | Acupuncture and non-specialist practitioner items | 2 | Prescribed medical practitioner attendance to which no other item applies | 179, 185, 189, 203 |
| 10 | Prescribed Medical Practitioner after‑hours attendances to which no other item applies | 733, 737, 741, 745 |

*\*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.*

**SCHEDULE D**

**Approved MMM 1 PRACTICE LOCATIONS As agreed under the Federal Funding agreement between the commonwealth and the Victorian Government**

Approved primary care locations:

| **State** | **MMM 1 Location** | **Practice Name** | **Legal Name** | **Street Address** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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 | Idameneo (No. 123) Pty Ltd as The Trustee for Artlu Unit Trust | Shop 216, Epping Plaza Regional Centre, 571‑583 High Street, Epping VIC 3076 |
| VIC | Frankston | Frankston Priority Primary Care Centre | Sandringham Ambulatory Care Centre Pty Ltd | 1-3/49 Beach Street, Frankston VIC 3199 |
| VIC | Geelong | Eastbrooke Family Clinic Belmont | Eastbrooke Medical Centres Pty Ltd | 75 Roslyn Road, Belmont VIC 3216 |
| VIC | Glen Waverley | Interconnect Healthcare | The Trustee for Interconnect Healthcare Unit Trust | 476 Blackburn Road, Glen Waverley VIC 3150 |
| VIC | Heidelberg | Heidelberg Priority Primary Care Centre | Trustee for Interconnect Healthcare Unit Trust | 455 Upper Heidelberg Road, Heidelberg Heights VIC 3081 |
| VIC | Inner Melbourne | Carlton Medical and Urgent Care Clinic | Idameneo (No. 123) Pty Ltd as the Trustee for Artlu Unit Trust | 1/221 Drummond Street, Carlton VIC 3053 |
| VIC | Maribyrnong | Edgewater Medical Centre | The Trustee for Edgewater Medical Clinic Unit Trust | G01B/31 Edgewater Boulevard, Maribyrnong VIC 3032 |
| VIC | Maroondah | M3 Health Bayswater Medical Clinic | The Trustee for Modern Medical Bayswater Unit Trust | Mountain High Shopping Centre, Shop 30, 7-13 High Street, Bayswater VIC 3153 |
| VIC | Melton | Melton Medical & Dental Centre | Idameneo (No. 123) Pty Ltd as the Trustee for Artlu Unit Trust | 247/251 Station Rd, Melton VIC 3337 |
| VIC | Narre Warren | Narregate Medical and Dental Centre | ldameneo (No. 123) Pty Ltd as the Trustee for Artlu Unit Trust | 60 Victor Crescent, Narre Warren VIC 3805 |
| VIC | Prahran | Prahran Priority Primary Care Centre | Sandringham Ambulatory Care Centre Pty Ltd | 4/20 Commercial Road, Melbourne VIC 3004 |
| VIC | Sunbury | Goonawarra Medical Centre Sunbury | The Trustee for Napier Medical Trust | 1-5 Dornoch Drive, Sunbury VIC 3429 |
| VIC | Werribee | Werribee Medical and Dental Centre | ldameneo (No. 123) Pty Ltd as the Trustee for Artlu Unit Trust | 1-5 Station Place, Werribee VIC 3030 |

**SCHEDULE E**

**Approved MMM 2-7 PRACTICE LOCATIONS As agreed under the federation funding agreement between the commonwealth and the victorian government**

Approved primary care locations:

| **State** | **MMM 2 Location** | **Practice Name** | **Legal Name** | **Street Address** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| VIC | Ballarat | Ballarat Priority Primary Care Centre (UFS Medical) | UFS Dispensaries Limited | 4 Windemere Street, Ballarat VIC 3350 |
| VIC | Bendigo | Bendigo Primary Care Centre | Bendigo Primary Care Centre Limited | 121 Arnold Street, Bendigo VIC 3550 |

| **State** | **MMM 3 Location** | **Practice Name** | **Legal Name** | **Street Address** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| VIC | Shepparton | The University of Melbourne Shepparton Medical Centre | Melbourne Teaching Health Clinics Ltd | 49 Graham Street, Shepparton VIC 3630 |