

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 – New South Wales Urgent Care Services)
Direction (No. 3) 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 – New South Wales Urgent Care Services) Direction (No. 2) 2024* made under subsection 19(2) of the Act that was signed on 17 June 2024; 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) between the Commonwealth (represented by the Department of Health and Aged Care, ABN: 83 605 426 759) and the State of New South Wales (represented by the New South Wales Department of Health, ABN: 92 697 899 630) by New South Wales Urgent Care Services that have been assessed as meeting the requirements of the Commonwealth Urgent Care Clinic program; and
 - (ii) 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
 - (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*); and
 - (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) if the service is specified in Schedule A:
 - (A) at a practice location specified in Schedule D or E of this Direction; and

- (B) 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).
- (ii) if the service is specified in Schedule B:
 - (A) at a practice location specified in Schedule D of this Direction; and
 - (B) 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).
- (iii) if the service is specified in Schedule C:
 - (A) at a practice location specified in Schedule E of this Direction; and
 - (B) 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 1 August 2024 and ceases to have effect at the end of 30 June 2025 unless earlier revoked.

Date this 24th day of July 2024

Nigel Murray
Assistant Secretary
MBS Policy and Specialist Program
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	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 URGENT CARE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Approved primary care locations:

State	MMM 1 Location	Practice Name	Legal Name	Street Address
NSW	Auburn	NAS Advance Medical Centre Auburn	NOUSSAIR & NOSIR PTY LTD & R & C MESSIHA PTY LTD	79 Auburn Road, Auburn NSW 2144,
NSW	Caringbah	Caringbah Medical and Dental Centre	Idameneo (No. 123) Pty Ltd as the Trustee for Artlu Unit Trust	42 President Avenue, Caringbah NSW 2229
NSW	Castle Hill	Health Zone Barwell Medical Centre	Health Zone Pty Ltd	16, 7-9 Barwell Avenue, Castle Hill NSW 2154
NSW	Gregory Hills	My Family Health Medical Centre	Ak & Ds Pty Ltd Atf Ak & Ds Unit Trust	Unit 2, 3 Rodeo Road, Gregory Hills NSW 2557
NSW	Belmore	Belmore Medical Services	Belmore Medical Services Pty Ltd	479 Burwood Road, Belmore NSW 2192
NSW	Green Square	Green Square Health	Core Clinical Solution Pty Ltd	4/965 Bourke Street, Waterloo NSW 2017
NSW	North Richmond	MyHealth North Richmond	MyHealth North Richmond	North Richmond Village Level 1, 6-16 Riverview Street, North Richmond NSW 2754

SCHEDULE E

APPROVED MMM 2-7 PRACTICE LOCATIONS AS AGREED UNDER THE URGENT CARE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Approved primary care locations:

State	MMM 3 Location	Practice Name	Legal Name	Street Address
NSW	Armidale	UNE Medical Practice	UNE Life Pty Ltd	110 Butler Street, Armidale NSW 2350
NSW	Goulburn	Marima Medical Clinic	Medical Seventh Group Pty Ltd	152 Auburn St, Goulburn NSW 2580
NSW	Orange	Bloomfield Medical Group	The Trustee for BMG Service Trust	Level 2, 1521 Forest Road, Orange NSW 2800