**AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGED CARE**

***HEALTH INSURANCE ACT 1973***

**Health Insurance (Medicare Benefits Payable in Respect of Professional Services – Queensland - Medical Services performed under the Single Employer Model Trial) 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. REPEAL the *Health Insurance (Medicare Benefits Payable in Respect of Professional Services – Queensland - Medical Services performed under the Single Employer Model Trial) Direction 2023*; and
2. DIRECT that Medicare Benefits shall be payable in respect of:
	1. A professional service (as defined in Section 3 of the Act) which has been agreed to be provided under the Rural General Practice and Rural Generalist Single Employer Model Trial Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Health and Aged Care (ABN: 83 605 426 759) and the State of Queensland acting through Queensland Health (ABN: 66 329 169 412) in relation to the Rural General Practice and Rural Generalist Single Employer Model Trial for which:
		1. 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), diagnostic imaging services table (means the table prescribed under subsection 4AA(1) of the Act) and pathology services table (means the table prescribed under subsection 4A(1) of the Act) relates: and
	2. Where the professional service is provided to:
		1. an eligible person (as defined in Section 3 of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*);
		2. 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
		3. 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
	3. The professional services referred to in paragraph (2)(a) must be provided:
		1. at a general practice (as defined in Section 7.1.1 of the general medical services table); and
		2. at a rural or remote practice location specified in Schedule B in an eligible area (as defined in the Dictionary of the of the general medical services table); and
		3. by a participating rural generalist or rural general practice trainee participating in the program mentioned in paragraph (2)(a):
			1. who is formally enrolled in a fellowship training program that meets the standards of either the:
				1. The Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine; and/or
				2. The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners; and
			2. who is employed by Queensland Health for the provision of primary and acute care services; and
3. DECLARE that this Direction commences on 20 January 2025 and ceases to have effect at the end of 31 December 2028 unless earlier revoked.

Note, this program covers the sixty rural generalist and rural general practice participants who are eligible to use this Direction at any one time.

Date: 18 December 2024

Nigel Murray
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**SCHEDULE A**

**MEDICARE BENEFITS SCHEDULE (MBS) ITEMS AS AGREED under the QUEENSLAND rural Generalist SINGLE EMPLOYER Model TRIAL**

For services listed in the below tables, all provisions of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* (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. Medical practitioners and health services must ensure they fulfil the MBS requirements for all items.

***General Medical Services Table***

**Standard Primary Care Services Table**

For services listed in the below table, this list of items includes MBS items that are commonly claimed by doctors in primary care.

| **Group**  | **Group Name**  | **Subgroup**  | **Subgroup Name** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| A1  | General practitioner attendances to which no other item applies  |
| A2  | Other non‑referred attendances to which no other item applies |
| A5  | Prolonged attendances to which no other item applies |
| A6 | Group therapy |
| A7  | Acupuncture and non‑specialist practitioner items |
| A11 | Urgent attendances after—hours |
| A14 | Health assessments |
| A15 | GP management plans, team care arrangements and multidisciplinary care plans and case conferences | 1 | GP management plans, team care arrangements and multidisciplinary care plans |
| 2 | Case conferences |
| A17 | Domiciliary and residential medication management reviews |
| A20 | Mental health care |
| A22 | General practitioner after‑hours attendances to which no other item applies |
| A23 | Other non‑referred after‑hours attendances to which no other item applies |
| A27 | Pregnancy support counselling |
| A29 | Attendance services for complex neurodevelopmental disorder or disability |
| A35 | Non‑referred attendance at a residential aged care facility |
| A36 | Eating disorder services | 1 | Preparation of eating disorder treatment and management plans: general practitioners and non‑specialist medical practitioners |
| 3 | Review of eating disorder treatment and management plans |
| 4 | Providing treatments under eating disorder treatment and management plans |
| A40 | Telehealth and phone attendance services | 1 | General practice telehealth services |
| 2 | General practice phone services |
| 3 | Focussed Psychological Strategies telehealth services |
| 10 | Focussed Psychological Strategies phone services |
| 11 | Health Assessments for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People ‑ Telehealth Service |
| 13 | GP management plans, team care arrangements and multidisciplinary care plans via telehealth attendance |
| 15 | GP Pregnancy Support Counselling ‑ Telehealth Service |
| 16 | GP Pregnancy Support Counselling ‑ Phone Service |
| 17 | GP, specialist and consultant physician complex neurodevelopmental disorder or disability service ‑ telehealth service |
| 19 | GP Mental Health Treatment Plan ‑ Telehealth Service |
| 20 | GP Mental Health Treatment Plan ‑ Phone Service |
| 21 | GP Eating Disorder Treatment and Management Plan – Telehealth Service |
| 25 | Review of an Eating Disorder Plan ‑ Telehealth Service |
| 26 | Review of an Eating Disorder Plan – Phone Service |
| 27 | Eating Disorder Psychological Treatment Services – Telehealth Service |
| 28 | Eating Disorder Psychological Treatment Strategies – Phone Service |
| 29 | GP and Other Medical Practitioner ‑ Urgent After Hours Service in Unsociable Hours ‑ Telehealth Service |
| 37 | Specialist, anaesthesia telehealth services |
| 39 | GP Blood Borne Viruses, Sexual or Reproductive Health Consultation – Telehealth Service |
| 40 | GP Blood Borne Viruses, Sexual or Reproductive Health Consultation – Phone Service |
| A44 | General Practice Attendance for Assessing Patient Suitability for a COVID‑19 Vaccine |
| M1 | Management of bulk‑billed services |
| M12 | Services provided by a practice nurse, an Aboriginal health worker or an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner on behalf of a medical practitioner | 1 | Video conferencing consultation support service provided by a practice nurse, an Aboriginal health worker or an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner on behalf of a medical practitioner |
| 3 | Services provided by a practice nurse or an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner on behalf of a medical practitioner |

**Non-Standard Primary Care Services Table**

For services listed in the below table, this list of items includes MBS items that are not commonly claimed by doctors in primary care.

| **Group**  | **Group Name**  | **Subgroup**  | **Subgroup Name** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| D1 | Miscellaneous diagnostic procedures and investigations | 2 | Ophthalmology |
| 3 | Otolaryngology |
| 4 | Respiratory |
| 5 | Vascular |
| 6 | Cardiovascular |
| 8 | Genito‑urinary physiological investigations |
| 9 | Allergy testing |
| 10 | Other diagnostic procedures and investigations |
| D2 | Nuclear medicine (non‑imaging) |
| T1 | Miscellaneous therapeutic procedures | 2 | Dialysis |
| 4 | Paediatric and neonatal |
| 5 | Cardiovascular |
| 8 | Haematology |
| 9 | Procedures associated with intensive care and cardiopulmonary support |
| 11 | Chemotherapeutic procedures |
| 13 | Miscellaneous therapeutic procedures |
| T3 | Therapeutic nuclear medicine |
| T4 | Obstetrics |
| T6  | Examination by anaesthetist |
| T7 | Regional or field nerve blocks |
| T8 | Surgical operations | 1 | General |
| 2 | Colorectal |
| 3 | Vascular |
| 4 | Gynaecological |
| 5 | Urological |
| 6 | Cardio‑thoracic |
| 7 | Neurosurgical |
| 8 | Ear, nose and throat |
| 9 | Ophthalmology |
| 11 | Paediatric |
| 12 | Amputations |
| 13 | Plastic and reconstructive surgery |
| 14 | Hand or wrist surgery |
| 15 | Orthopaedic |
| T9 | Assistance at operations |
| T10  | Anaesthesia performed in connection with certain services (Relative Value Guide) |

***Diagnostic Imaging Services Table***

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| **Group**  | **Group Name**  | **Subgroup**  | **Subgroup Name** |
| I1 | ultrasound | 6 | Musculoskeletal ultrasound |
| I3 | diagnostic radiology | 1 | Radiographic examination of extremities |
| 2 | Radiographic examination of shoulder or pelvis |
| 3 | Radiographic examination of head |
| 4 | Radiographic examination of spine |
| 5 | Bone age study and skeletal survey |
| 6 | Radiographic examination of thoracic region |
| 7 | Radiographic examination of urinary tract |
| 8 | Radiographic examination of alimentary tract and biliary system |
| 12 | Radiographic examination with opaque or contrast media |
| I6 | management of bulk‑billed services |

***Pathology Services Table***

| **Group**  | **Group Name**  |
| --- | --- |
| P1 | haematology |
| P2 | chemical |
| P9  | simple basic pathology tests |
| P12  | management of bulk‑billed services |

**SCHEDULE B**

**Approved Modified Monash 2-7 rural and remote Practice Locations AS AGREED under the Queensland rural general practice and rural Generalist SINGLE EMPLOYER Model TRIAL**

Approved primary care Modified Monash Model (MMM) 4 locations:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **MMM 4 location** | **Practice Name** | **Legal Name**  | **Street Address** |
| Ayr | Outback Family Medicine | WIN Medical Practice Pty Ltd | 140 Mackenzie Street Ayr QLD 4807 |
| Dalby | Myall Medical Practice | The Trustee for Archibald Street Services Trust | 37 North Street Dalby QLD 4405 |
| Emerald | Emerald Medical Group | Central Highlands Healthcare Ltd | Lot 1 Pilot Farm Road Emerald QLD 4720 |
| Goondiwindi | Goondiwindi Medical Centre | GMC Medical Services Pty Ltd | 49 Bowen Street Goondiwindi QLD 4390 |
| Innisfail | Rankin Street Medical | Bayvex Pty Ltd | 57 Rankin Street Innisfail QLD 4860 |
| Kingaroy | Taabinga Family Practice | Taabinga Family Practice Pty Ltd | 213 Haly Street Kingaroy QLD 4610 |
| Kingaroy | South Burnett Medical Centre | The Trustee for Amarula Trust | 19 Avoca Street Kingaroy QLD 4610 |
| Kingaroy | Bunya Pines Family Practice | Dolzan, Glen Alexander | 219a Haly Street Kingaroy QLD 4610 |
| Kingaroy | Kingaroy Medical Practice | Kingaroy General Practice Pty Ltd | 25 Markwell Street Kingaroy QLD 4610 |
| Roma | Maranoa Medical Centre | MMC Unit Trust | 27 Quintin Street Roma QLD 4455 |
| Warwick | Condamine Medical Centre | Condamine Medical Centre (QLD) Pty Ltd | 53 Wood Street Warwick QLD 4370 |

Approved primary care Modified Monash Model (MMM) 5 locations:

| **MMM 5 location** | **Practice Name** | **Legal Name**  | **Street Address** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Blackbutt | Blackbutt Medical Centre | Medical First Clinics Pty Ltd | 91 Coulson St Blackbutt QLD 4314 |
| Chinchilla | Chinchilla Medical Practice | The Trustee for Chinchilla Unit Trust and T.P Clarke & K.J Gilmour | 58 Middle Street Chinchilla QLD 4413 |
| Inglewood | Killarney Memorial | Killarney Memorial Aged Care Ltd | 57 Albert Street Inglewood QLD 4387 |
| Maleny | Maleny Doctors | The Trustee for Hinterland Heath Unit Trust | 7/15 Maple Street Maleny QLD 4552 |
| Miles | Miles Medical Centre | The Trustee for Mandikiza Medical Trust | 79 Marian Street Miles QLD 4415 |
| Mission Beach | Mission Medical | The Trustee for The Radmak Discretionary Trust | Shop 9 & 10 Mission Beach Shopping Centre |
| Murgon | Murgon Family Medical Practice | G.S. McAllister Medical Pty Ltd | 43 Stephens Street W Murgon QLD 4605 |
| Ravenshoe | Ravenshoe Medical Centre | Rural Health Management Services Pty Ltd | 62 Grigg Street Ravenshoe QLD 4888 |
| Tara | Tara Medical Centre | Outback Health and Medical Services Pty LTD | 33 Day Street Tara QLD 4421 |
| Tully | Tully Medical Centre & Mission Medical | The Trustee for The Radmak Discretionary Trust | 10 Watkins Steet Tully QLD 4854 |
| Wongaling Beach | Mission Medical | The Trustee for The Radmak Discretionary Trust | 34-40 Dickinson Street Wongaling Beach QLD 4852 |

Approved primary care Modified Monash Model (MMM) 6 locations:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **MMM 6 location** | **Practice Name** | **Legal Name**  | **Street Address** |
| Cloncurry | Ramsay Street General Practice | Hoarec GP Pty Ltd | 27 Ramsay Street Cloncurry QLD 4824 |
| Mount Isa City | Mount Isa Medical Centre | Mbaogu, Michael | 71 Camooweal Street Mount Isa City QLD 4825 |