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Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 2)¹

Statutory Rules 2002 No. 2²

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I, PETER JOHN HOLLINGWORTH, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, make the following Regulations under the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

Dated 30 OCT 2002 2002

PETER HOLLINGWORTH
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

KAY PATTERSON
Minister for Health and Ageing

1 Name of Regulations

These Regulations are the *Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 2)*.

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2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on 4 November 2002.

3 Amendment of *Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2002*

Schedule 1 amends the *Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2002*.

Schedule 1 Amendments

(regulation 3)

[1] Schedule 1, Part 2, subrule 3 (3)

substitute

(3) A reference in the table to an *eligible non-vocationally recognised medical practitioner* is a reference to:

(a) a medical practitioner (including an overseas trained practitioner or a temporary resident medical practitioner) who:

(i) is providing general medical services in a rural or remote area under the Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Areas Classification; and

(ii) is registered as a medical practitioner under the Rural Other Medical Practitioners' Program; and

- (iii) is not vocationally registered under section 3F of the Act, but is undertaking, or has indicated in writing an intention to undertake, additional training:
 - (A) that could enable vocational registration within 4 years or, on written application, 5 years, after commencing that training; and
 - (B) of which the Commission has written notice; or
- (b) a medical practitioner who:
 - (i) is registered as a medical practitioner under the Outer Metropolitan (Other Medical Practitioners) Relocation Incentive Program; and
 - (ii) is providing general medical services in accordance with that Program; and
 - (iii) is not vocationally registered under section 3F of the Act, but is required under that Program to undertake additional training or other activities:
 - (A) that could enable vocational registration within 4 years or, on written application, 5 years, after commencing the training or other activities; and
 - (B) of which the Commission has written notice.

[2] Schedule 1, Part 2, subrule 3 (4)

substitute

- (4) For subrule (3):
 - (a) the ***Rural Other Medical Practitioners' Program*** is a program administered by the Commission that, in relation to medical services provided to patients in rural and remote areas, provides a particular level of medicare benefits; and
 - (b) the ***Outer Metropolitan (Other Medical Practitioners) Relocation Incentive Program*** is a program administered by the Department that, in relation to medical services provided in accordance with the Program, provides a particular level of medicare benefits.

Notes

1. These Regulations amend Statutory Rules 2002 No. 244.
2. Notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on / 2002. 31 October