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# Health Insurance (Pathology Services Table) Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 1)<sup>1</sup>

Statutory Rules 2004 No. <sup>2</sup>

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I, PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY, 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            8 APR 2004            2004

PM Jeffery  
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

TONY ABBOTT  
Minister for Health and Ageing

**1 Name of Regulations**

These Regulations are the *Health Insurance (Pathology Services Table) Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 1)*.

**2 Commencement**

These Regulations commence on 1 May 2004.

**3 Amendment of *Health Insurance (Pathology Services Table) Regulations 2003***

Schedule 1 amends the *Health Insurance (Pathology Services Table) Regulations 2003*.

**Schedule 1 Amendments**

(regulation 3)

**[1] Schedule 1, Part 2, subrule 2 (4), including the heading**

*substitute*

*Application of items 74990 and 74991*

- (4) Despite subrules (1), (2) and (3):
- (a) if the pathology service described in item 74991 is provided to a person, either that item or item 74990, but not both those items, applies to the service; and
  - (b) if item 74990 or 74991 applies to a pathology service, the fee specified in that item applies in addition to the fee specified in any other item in this table that applies to the service.

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**[2] Schedule 1, Part 2, subrule 2 (5)**

*omit*

item 74990:

*insert*

items 74990 and 74991:

**[3] Schedule 1, Part 2, after subrule 2 (5)**

*insert*

(6) For item 74991:

***practice location***, in relation to the provision of a pathology service, means the place of practice in respect of which the practitioner by whom, or on whose behalf, the service is provided, has been allocated a provider number by the Commission.

***regional, rural or remote area*** means an area classified as RRMA 3-7 under the Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Areas Classification.

***Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Areas Classification*** has the meaning given by subrule 3 (1) of Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the general medical services table.

**[4] Schedule 1, Part 2, paragraph 3 (2) (ab)**

*omit*

74990;

*insert*

74990 or 74991;

**[5] Schedule 1, Part 3, item 74990**

*omit*

(other than this item)

*insert*

(other than this item or item 74991)

**[6] Schedule 1, Part 3, after item 74990***insert*

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| 74991 | <p>A pathology service to which an item in this table (other than this item or item 74990) applies if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the service is an unreferral service; and</li> <li>(b) the service is provided to a person who is under the age of 16 or is a Commonwealth concession card holder; and</li> <li>(c) the person is not an admitted patient of a hospital or day-hospital facility; and</li> <li>(d) the service is bulk-billed in respect of the fees for:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) this item; and</li> <li>(ii) the other item in this table applying to the service; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(e) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a regional, rural or remote area; or</li> <li>(ii) Tasmania</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | 8.80 |
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**Notes**

1. These Regulations amend Statutory Rules 2003 No. 256, as amended by 2003 Nos. 295, 300 and 360.
2. Notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on   L   2004.

*19 April*