



# **Health Insurance Amendment (Administration) Act 2020**

**No. 106, 2020**

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and for related purposes**

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**An Act to amend the *Health Insurance Act 1973*,  
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[Assented to 26 November 2020]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

## **1 Short title**

This Act is the *Health Insurance Amendment (Administration) Act 2020*.

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## 2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

<b>Commencement information</b>		
<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>Provisions</b>	<b>Commencement</b>	<b>Date/Details</b>
1. The whole of this Act	The day after this Act receives the Royal Assent.	27 November 2020

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this Act.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this Act. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this Act.

## 3 Schedules

Legislation that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

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## Schedule 1—Amendments

### *Health and Other Services (Compensation) Act 1995*

#### **1 Subsection 3(1) (definition of *medicare benefit*)**

Repeal the definition, substitute:

*medicare benefit* has the same meaning as in the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

#### **2 Paragraph 42(1)(e)**

Repeal the paragraph.

### *Health Insurance Act 1973*

#### **3 Subsection 3(1)**

Repeal the following definitions:

- (a) definition of *Australian Capital Territory Health Authority*;
- (b) definition of *excessive diagnostic imaging service*;
- (c) definition of *My Health Record System Operator*;
- (d) definition of *participating optometrist*;
- (e) definition of *Pathology Services Table Committee*.

#### **4 Subsection 3(1) (paragraph (c) of the definition of *professional service*)**

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

- (c) a service to which an item relates, being a clinically relevant service that is rendered by an optometrist; or

#### **5 Subsection 3(1)**

Repeal the following definitions:

- (a) definition of *registered healthcare recipient*;
- (b) definition of *registered repository operator*.

#### **6 Subsection 3(4A)**

Repeal the subsection.

**7 Subsection 3(5)**

Omit “a participating optometrist,”, substitute “an optometrist”.

**8 Subsections 3C(1A) and (1B)**

Repeal the subsections.

**9 Subsection 4(2)**

Repeal the subsection.

**10 Subsection 4AA(1)**

Omit “(1)”.

**11 Subsection 4AA(2)**

Repeal the subsection.

**12 Subsection 4A(1)**

Omit “(1)”.

**13 Subsection 4A(2)**

Repeal the subsection.

**14 Section 10C**

Repeal the section.

**15 Subsections 16(4) and (5)**

Repeal the subsections.

**16 Section 18**

Repeal the section.

**17 Section 19A**

Repeal the section.

**18 Sections 23A, 23B, 23D and 23DAA**

Repeal the sections.

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**19 Subsection 23DZA(4)**

Omit “, under subsection (4), specify”, substitute “specify as a shorter period for which the remote area exemption stays in force”.

**20 Part V**

Repeal the Part.

**21 Subsection 81(1) (paragraph (c) of the definition of *practitioner*)**

Repeal the paragraph.

**22 Subsection 81(1) (paragraph (d) of the definition of *practitioner*)**

Omit “other than a participating optometrist”.

**23 Paragraph 92(2)(d)**

Repeal the paragraph.

**24 Paragraph 106U(1)(e)**

Repeal the paragraph.

**25 Subsection 124B(1) (paragraph (c) of the definition of *practitioner*)**

Repeal the paragraph.

**26 Subsection 124B(1) (paragraph (d) of the definition of *practitioner*)**

Omit “other than a participating optometrist”.

**27 Subsection 124B(3A)**

Repeal the subsection.

**28 Subsections 126(1) and (2)**

Omit “, or but for subsection 18(4) would be,”.

**29 Section 129A**

Omit “participating”.

***Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986***

**30 Subsection 93D(1) (definition of *pathology service*)**

Omit "subsection 4A(1)", substitute "section 4A".

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*[Minister's second reading speech made in—  
House of Representatives on 3 September 2020  
Senate on 10 November 2020]*

(112/20)

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