



# **Health Insurance (General Practice COVID-19 Management Support Service) Determination 2021**

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I, Travis Haslam, delegate of the Minister for Health and Aged Care, make the following determination.

Dated 3 November 2021

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## 1. Name

This instrument is the *Health Insurance (General Practice COVID-19 Management Support Service) Determination 2021*.

## 2. Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument 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.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	8 November 2021	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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

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

## 3. Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 3C(1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

## 4. Cessation

Unless earlier revoked, this instrument ceases as if revoked on 30 June 2022.

## 5. Definitions

- (1) In this instrument:

**Act** means the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

**admitted patient** means a patient who is receiving a service that is provided:

- (a) as part of an episode of hospital treatment; or
- (b) as part of an episode of hospital-substitute treatment in respect of which the person to whom the treatment is provided chooses to receive a benefit from a private health insurer.

**general medical services table** means the table prescribed under section 4 of the Act as in force from time to time.

**relevant provisions** means all provisions, of the Act and regulations made under the Act, and the *National Health Act 1953* and regulations made under

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the *National Health Act 1953*, relating to medical services, professional services or items.

**relevant service** means a health service, as defined in subsection 3C(8) of the Act, that is specified in a Schedule.

**Schedule** means a Schedule to this instrument.

Note: The following terms are defined in subsection 3(1) of the Act:

- clinically relevant service;
  - general medical services table;
  - hospital-substitute treatment;
  - hospital treatment;
  - item;
  - medical practitioner;
  - professional service.
- (2) Unless the contrary intention appears, a reference in this instrument to a provision of the Act or the *National Health Act 1953* or regulations made under the Act or under the *National Health Act 1953* as applied, adopted or incorporated in relation to specifying a matter is a reference to those provisions as in force from time to time and any other reference to provisions of an Act or regulations is a reference to those provisions as in force from time to time.
- (3) In this instrument, a **general practitioner** includes a kind of medical practitioner specified in clause 1.1.3 of the general medical services table.

## 6. Treatment of relevant service

For subsection 3C(1) of the Act, a relevant service, provided in accordance with this instrument and as a clinically relevant service, is to be treated, for the relevant provisions, as if:

- (a) it were both a professional service and a medical service; and
- (b) there were an item in the general medical services table that:
  - i. related to the service; and
  - ii. specified for the service a fee in relation to each State, being the fee specified in the Schedule in relation to the service.

## 7. Application of COVID-19 management support service

An item in the Schedule only applies to a service if the attendance is performed in person by the medical practitioner.

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## 8. Limitation of COVID-19 management support service

- (1) An item in a Schedule does not apply to a service mentioned in the item if the person is an admitted patient.
- (2) An item in the Schedule does not apply if it is performed in association with a service to which any of the following items applies:
  - (a) items 173, 193, 197, 199 of the general medical services table;
  - (b) an item in subgroups 5, 6 or 9 of Group A7 of the *Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Other Medical Practitioner) Determination 2018*;
  - (c) an item in Group A14 of the general medical services table;
  - (d) items 721, 723, 729, 731, 732, 735, 739, 743, 747, 750 or 758 of the general medical services table;
  - (e) an item in Group A20 of the general medical services table.

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## Schedule – relevant service

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### Group A46— COVID-19 management support service

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>
93715	Attendance by a medical practitioner (other than a specialist or consultant physician) for the assessment and management of a person with COVID-19 infection of recent onset and confirmed by laboratory testing	29.40

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