



Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 11)¹

Statutory Rules 2004 No. 387²

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 16 December 2004

P. M. 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 (General Medical Services Table) Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 11)*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on 1 January 2005.

3 Amendment of *Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2004*

Schedule 1 amends the *Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2004*.

Schedule 1 Amendments

(regulation 3)

[1] Schedule 1, Part 2, after rule 85

insert

86 Application of item 10998

(1) For item 10998:

enrolled nurse has the meaning given by subrule 84 (1).

general practice has the meaning given by subrule 84 (1).

practice location has the meaning given by subrule 83 (4).

practice nurse has the meaning given by subrule 84 (1).

regional, rural or remote area has the meaning given by subrule 83 (4).

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

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- (2) Item 10998 applies to the taking of a cervical smear from a person by a practice nurse only if:
- (a) the practice nurse is appropriately qualified and trained to take a cervical smear; and
 - (b) the medical practitioner under whose supervision the smear is taken retains responsibility for the health, safety and clinical outcomes of the person.

[2] Schedule 1, Part 3, after item 10996

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| 10998 | Service provided by a practice nurse, being the taking of a cervical smear from a person, if: | 10.20 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the service is provided on behalf of, and under the supervision of, a medical practitioner; and (b) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a regional, rural or remote area; and (c) the person is not an admitted patient of a hospital or approved day hospital facility | |

Notes

1. These Regulations amend Statutory Rules 2004 No. 308, as amended by 2004 Nos. 343, 385 and 386.
2. Notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on 23 December 2004.