



Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Regulation 2012 (No. 1)¹

Select Legislative Instrument 2012 No. 57

I, QUENTIN BRYCE, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, make the following regulation under the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

Dated 19 April 2012

QUENTIN BRYCE
Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command

TANYA PLIBERSEK
Minister for Health

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1 Name of regulation

This regulation is the *Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Regulation 2012 (No. 1)*.

2 Commencement

This regulation commences on 1 May 2012.

3 Amendment of *Health Insurance (Diagnostic Imaging Services Table) Regulations 2011*

Schedule 1 amends the *Health Insurance (Diagnostic Imaging Services Table) Regulations 2011*.

4 Amendment of *Health Insurance Regulations 1975*

Schedule 2 amends the *Health Insurance Regulations 1975*.

Schedule 1 Amendments of *Health Insurance (Diagnostic Imaging Services Table) Regulations 2011*
(section 3)

[1] Schedule 1, paragraph 1.2.5 (1) (a)

omit

Division 2.1 to 2.5

insert

Divisions 2.1 to 2.4

[2] Schedule 1, subclause 1.2.5 (3)

omit

subsection 10 (2)

insert

paragraph 10 (2) (aa)

[3] Schedule 1, clause 1.2.5, note

omit

regulation 6EF

insert

subparagraph 6EF (b) (ii)

[4] Schedule 1, after clause 1.2.5

insert

1.2.5A Bulk-billing—magnetic resonance imaging

- (1) This clause applies if:
 - (a) a service that is mentioned in an item in Division 2.5 of this table is provided; and
 - (b) the service is not provided in a hospital; and
 - (c) the service is bulk-billed.
- (2) The fee for the service is 100% of the fee mentioned in this table for the service.
- (3) For paragraph 10 (2) (aa) of the Act, the benefit payable is the amount calculated under subclause (2).

Note Under subparagraph 6EF (b) (ii) of the *Health Insurance Regulations 1975*, the medicare benefit payable is 100% of the amount calculated under subclause (2).

[5] Schedule 1, clauses 2.5.1 and 2.5.2

substitute

2.5.1 MRI and MRA services—eligible services

Items 63001 to 63482 apply to an MRI or MRA service performed:

- (a) at the request of a specialist or consultant physician in accordance with clause 2.5.2; and
- (b) in a permissible circumstance mentioned in clause 2.5.3; and
- (c) using eligible equipment mentioned in clause 2.5.5.

2.5.2 MRI and MRA services—request

For paragraph 2.5.1 (a), a request must:

- (a) be made in writing; and
- (b) identify the clinical indications for the service.

[6] Schedule 1, Clause 2.5.3

omit

clause 2.5.1,

insert

paragraph 2.5.1 (b),

[7] Schedule 1, clauses 2.5.4 and 2.5.5

substitute

2.5.4 MRI and MRA services—eligible provider

For paragraph 2.5.3 (a), the table sets out *eligible providers* for an MRI or MRA service.

Item	Person
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| 1 | A specialist in diagnostic radiology who satisfies the Chief Executive Medicare that he or she is a participant in the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists' Quality and Accreditation Program |
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2.5.5 MRI and MRA services—eligible equipment

- (1) For paragraph 2.5.1 (c), the table sets out *eligible equipment* for an MRI or MRA service.

Item	Equipment
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|---|---|
| 1 | <p>Equipment that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) is located at premises of a comprehensive practice; and (b) is made available to the practice by a person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) who is subject to a deed with the Commonwealth that relates to the equipment; and (ii) for whom the deed has not been terminated |
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- (2) For the table in subclause (1), a *comprehensive practice* is a medical practice, or a radiology department of a hospital, that provides x-ray, ultrasound and computed tomography services (whether or not it provides other services).

[8] Schedule 1, clause 2.5.6

omit

Schedule 2 **Amendment of *Health Insurance Regulations 1975***

(section 4)

[1] **Subparagraph 6EF (b) (ii)**

substitute

- (ii) to which clause 1.2.5 or 1.2.5A of Schedule 1 to the *Health Insurance (Diagnostic Imaging Services Table) Regulations 2011* applies.

Note

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