



Health Insurance (Pathology Services) Amendment Regulation 2012 (No. 1)¹

Select Legislative Instrument 2012 No. 166

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 12 July 2012

QUENTIN BRYCE
Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command

TANYA PLIBERSEK
Minister for Health

1 Name of regulation

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

2 Commencement

This regulation commences on 1 August 2012.

3 Amendment of *Health Insurance (Pathology Services) Regulations 1989*

Schedule 1 amends the *Health Insurance (Pathology Services) Regulations 1989*.

Schedule 1 Amendments

(section 3)

[1] Subregulation 4 (2), except the note

substitute

- (2) For paragraph 16A (4) (b) of the Act, a request must, subject to subregulation (9), contain the particulars required by subregulations (3), (5), (6) and (8).

[2] Subregulation 4 (4)

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[3] Paragraph 4 (6) (c)

omit

patient;

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patient.

[4] Paragraph 4 (6) (d)

omit

[5] Subregulations 4 (6A) to (8)

substitute

- (7) Subregulations (8) and (9) apply if:
- (a) a treating practitioner makes a request (the *first request*) for a service that is received by an approved pathology practitioner (the *referring pathologist*); and
 - (b) the referring pathologist makes a request (the *further request*) for the service to an approved pathology authority or another approved pathology practitioner.
- (8) The further request must include the treating practitioner's name, relevant address and provider number mentioned in the first request.
- (9) The further request need not comply with subregulations (5), (6) and (8) if:
- (a) the further request relates only to the service to which the first request relates; and
 - (b) the first request is attached to the further request.

Note

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