

Health Insurance (Eligible Collection Centres) Approval Amendment (Duration of Approvals) Principles 2016

I, NATASHA RYAN, delegate of the Minister for Health and Aged Care, determine the following principles under subsection 23DNBA(4) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

Dated 22 August 2016

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**1 Name**

This is the *Health Insurance (Eligible Collection Centres) Approval Amendment (Duration of Approvals) Principles 2016*.

2 Commencement

These Principles commence on 23 August 2016.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 23DNBA(4) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973.*

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Health Insurance (Eligible Collection Centres) Approval Principles 2010

1 Subsection 6(3) (including note)

Repeal the subsection, substitute:

(3) An approval granted in respect of a renewal application must be expressed to be valid for one year, inclusive of the day of commencement of the approval.

(3A) An approval granted in respect of an application other than a renewal application must be expressed to be valid for six months, inclusive of the day of commencement of the approval.

Note: An approval may be revoked or cancelled under the Act.

2 After subsection 6(4)

Insert:

(5) In this section an application for approval of an eligible collection centre is a ***renewal*** ***application*** if:

1. an approved collection centre was conducted on the premises occupied or to be occupied by the eligible collection centre by an APA (the ***previous APA***) at any time in the two months immediately preceding the making of the application; and

(i) the APA making the application is the previous APA; or

(ii) the APA making the application is not the previous APA and:

(A) the previous APA has ceased to be an APA; or

(B) the new application is the result of the acquisition of interests in the previous APA or merger activity between the previous APA and one or more other entities.

Schedule 2—Application

1 Application

(1) The amendments made by items 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 apply to applications for approval made after the commencement of those items.

(2) For subsection (1):

(a) an application sent by post is taken to be made at the time the applicant posts it to the address specified in the prescribed form; and

(b) an application sent by facsimile is taken to be made at the time the applicant dispatches it to the facsimile number specified in the prescribed form.