



# **Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – COVID-19 Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Amendment (Bulk-billing) Determination 2020**

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I, GREG HUNT, the Minister for Health, make the following Determination.

Dated 4 April 2020

Greg Hunt  
Minister for Health

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## 1 Name

This instrument is the *Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – COVID-19 Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Amendment (Bulk-billing) Determination 2020*.

## 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	6 April 2020	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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 section 3C(1) 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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

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## Schedule 1—Amendments

### *Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services - COVID-19 Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Determination 2020*

#### 1 Subsection 5(1)

Insert:

*concessional beneficiary* has the same meaning as in section 84(1) of the *National Health Act 1953*.

*patient at risk of COVID-19 virus* means a person who:

- (a) is required to self-isolate or self-quarantine in accordance with guidance issued by the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee in relation to COVID-19; or
- (b) is at least 70 years old; or
- (c) if the person identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent—is at least 50 years old; or
- (d) is pregnant; or
- (e) is the parent of a child aged under 12 months; or
- (f) is being treated for a chronic health condition; or
- (g) is immune compromised; or
- (h) meets the current national triage protocol criteria for suspected COVID-19 infection.

#### 2 Subsection 8(4)

Repeal the subsection, substitute:

- (4) An item in a Schedule only applies to a service provided to the following persons if the service is bulk-billed:
  - (a) a person who is a patient at risk of COVID-19 virus; or
  - (b) a person who is a concessional beneficiary; or
  - (c) a person who is under the age of 16.