



# **Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – General Practice Attendance for Assessing Patient Suitability for a COVID-19 Vaccine) Amendment (No. 3) Determination 2021**

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I, Louise Morgan, delegate of the Minister for Health and Aged Care, make the following Determination.

Dated 1 July 2021

Louise Morgan  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
Medical Benefits Division  
Health Resourcing Group  
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## 1 Name

This instrument is the *Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – General Practice Attendance for Assessing Patient Suitability for a COVID-19 Vaccine) Amendment (No. 3) Determination 2021*.

## 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.

<b>Commencement information</b>		
<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>Provisions</b>	<b>Commencement</b>	<b>Date/Details</b>
1. Sections 1 to 4	Immediately after registration of this instrument	
2. Schedule 1	18 June 2021	
3. Schedule 2	29 June 2021	
3. Schedule 3	31 May 2021	
4. Schedule 4	1 July 2021	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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 subsection 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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.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— Once during patient's lifetime clause**

***Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – General Practice Attendance for Assessing Patient Suitability for a COVID-19 Vaccine) Determination 2021***

**1. Section 8 (after subsection (3)):**

Insert:

*Items 10660 and 10661 – claiming frequency*

- (4) A service provided under items 10660 or 10661 cannot be claimed more than once during a patient's lifetime.

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## Schedule 2— Amendments to remove age restriction

### ***Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – General Practice Attendance for Assessing Patient Suitability for a COVID-19 Vaccine) Determination 2021***

#### **1. Schedule (items 10660 and 10661)**

Repeal the items, substitute:

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10660	Professional attendance by a general practitioner, if all of the following apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) the service is associated with a service to which item 93624, 93625, 93634, 93635, 93644, 93645, 93653 or 93654 applies;</li><li>(b) the service requires personal attendance by the general practitioner, lasting more than 10 minutes in duration, to provide in-depth clinical advice on the individual risks and benefits associated with receiving a COVID-19 vaccine;</li><li>(c) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) a detailed patient history;</li><li>(ii) complex examination and management;</li></ul></li><li>(d) the service is bulk-billed</li></ul>	45.55
10661	Professional attendance by a medical practitioner (other than a general practitioner), if all of the following apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) the service is associated with a service to which item 93626, 93627, 93636, 93637, 93646, 93647, 93655 or 93656 applies;</li><li>(b) the service requires personal attendance by the medical practitioner (other than a general practitioner), lasting more than 10 minutes in duration, to provide in-depth clinical advice on the individual risks and benefits associated with receiving a COVID-19 vaccine;</li><li>(c) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) a detailed patient history;</li><li>(ii) complex examination and management;</li></ul></li><li>(d) the service is bulk-billed</li></ul>	36.45

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**Schedule 3— Amendments to remove definition of eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine****Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – General Practice Attendance for Assessing Patient Suitability for a COVID-19 Vaccine) Determination 2021****1. Section 4 (definition of eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine)**

Repeal the definition.

**2. Schedule (table)**

Repeal the table, substitute:

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<b>Group A44 – General Practice Attendance for Assessing Patient Suitability for a COVID-19 Vaccine</b>		
<b>Subgroup 1— Assessing Patient Suitability for the First Dose of a COVID-19 Vaccine</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>
93624	Professional attendance by a general practitioner for the purpose of assessing a patient’s suitability for the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply: (a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant: (i) a short patient history; (ii) limited examination and management; (b) the service is bulk-billed; (c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 1 area	36.15
93625	Professional attendance by a general practitioner for the purpose of assessing a patient’s suitability for the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply: (a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant: (i) a short patient history; (ii) limited examination and management; (b) the service is bulk-billed; (c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in: (i) a Modified Monash 2 area; or (ii) a Modified Monash 3 area; or (iii) a Modified Monash 4 area; or (iv) a Modified Monash 5 area; or (v) a Modified Monash 6 area; or (vi) a Modified Monash 7 area	43.90
93626	Professional attendance by a medical practitioner (other than a general practitioner) for the purpose of assessing a patient’s suitability for the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the	28.20

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	<p>following apply:</p> <p>(a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:</p> <p>(i) a short patient history;</p> <p>(ii) limited examination and management;</p> <p>(b) the service is bulk-billed;</p> <p>(c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 1 area</p>	
93627	<p>Professional attendance by a medical practitioner (other than a general practitioner) for the purpose of assessing a patient's suitability for the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:</p> <p>(a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:</p> <p>(i) a short patient history;</p> <p>(ii) limited examination and management;</p> <p>(b) the service is bulk-billed;</p> <p>(c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in:</p> <p>(i) a Modified Monash 2 area; or</p> <p>(ii) a Modified Monash 3 area; or</p> <p>(iii) a Modified Monash 4 area; or</p> <p>(iv) a Modified Monash 5 area; or</p> <p>(v) a Modified Monash 6 area; or</p> <p>(vi) a Modified Monash 7 area</p>	39.75
<b>Subgroup 2— After-Hours Assessing Patient Suitability for the First Dose of a COVID-19 Vaccine</b>		
93634	<p>Professional attendance by a general practitioner for the purpose of assessing a patient's suitability for the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:</p> <p>(a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:</p> <p>(i) a short patient history;</p> <p>(ii) limited examination and management;</p> <p>(b) the service is bulk-billed;</p> <p>(c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 1 area;</p> <p>(d) the service is rendered in an after-hours period</p>	50.45
93635	<p>Professional attendance by a general practitioner for the purpose of assessing a patient's suitability for the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:</p> <p>(a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:</p> <p>(i) a short patient history;</p> <p>(ii) limited examination and management;</p>	58.20

	(b) the service is bulk-billed;	
	(c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in:	
	(i) a Modified Monash 2 area; or	
	(ii) a Modified Monash 3 area; or	
	(iii) a Modified Monash 4 area; or	
	(iv) a Modified Monash 5 area; or	
	(v) a Modified Monash 6 area; or	
	(vi) a Modified Monash 7 area;	
	(d) the service is rendered in an after-hours period	
93636	Professional attendance by a medical practitioner (other than a general practitioner) for the purpose of assessing a patient's suitability for the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:	39.95
	(a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:	
	(i) a short patient history;	
	(ii) limited examination and management;	
	(b) the service is bulk-billed;	
	(c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 1 area;	
	(d) the service is rendered in an after-hours period	
93637	Professional attendance by a medical practitioner (other than a general practitioner) for the purpose of assessing a patient's suitability for the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:	51.15
	(a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:	
	(i) a short patient history;	
	(ii) limited examination and management;	
	(b) the service is bulk-billed;	
	(c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in:	
	(i) a Modified Monash 2 area; or	
	(ii) a Modified Monash 3 area; or	
	(iii) a Modified Monash 4 area; or	
	(iv) a Modified Monash 5 area; or	
	(v) a Modified Monash 6 area; or	
	(vi) a Modified Monash 7 area;	
	(d) the service is rendered in an after-hours period	
<b>Subgroup 3— Assessing Patient Suitability for the Second or Subsequent Dose of a COVID-19 Vaccine</b>		
93644	Professional attendance by a general practitioner for the purpose of assessing a patient's suitability for the second or subsequent dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:	28.50
	(a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a short patient history;</li> <li>(ii) limited examination and management;</li> </ul> <p>(b) the service is bulk-billed;</p> <p>(c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 1 area</p>	
93645	<p>Professional attendance by a general practitioner for the purpose of assessing a patient's suitability for the second or subsequent dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:</p> <p>(a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a short patient history;</li> <li>(ii) limited examination and management;</li> </ul> <p>(b) the service is bulk-billed;</p> <p>(c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a Modified Monash 2 area; or</li> <li>(ii) a Modified Monash 3 area; or</li> <li>(iii) a Modified Monash 4 area; or</li> <li>(iv) a Modified Monash 5 area; or</li> <li>(v) a Modified Monash 6 area; or</li> <li>(vi) a Modified Monash 7 area</li> </ul>	32.40
93646	<p>Professional attendance by a medical practitioner (other than a general practitioner) for the purpose of assessing a patient's suitability for the second or subsequent dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:</p> <p>(a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a short patient history;</li> <li>(ii) limited examination and management;</li> </ul> <p>(b) the service is bulk-billed;</p> <p>(c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 1 area</p>	20.55
93647	<p>Professional attendance by a medical practitioner (other than a general practitioner) for the purpose of assessing a patient's suitability for the second or subsequent dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:</p> <p>(a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a short patient history;</li> <li>(ii) limited examination and management;</li> </ul> <p>(b) the service is bulk-billed;</p> <p>(c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a Modified Monash 2 area; or</li> <li>(ii) a Modified Monash 3 area; or</li> <li>(iii) a Modified Monash 4 area; or</li> <li>(iv) a Modified Monash 5 area; or</li> </ul>	28.20

- (v) a Modified Monash 6 area; or
- (vi) a Modified Monash 7 area

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**Subgroup 4— After-Hours Assessing Patient Suitability for the Second or Subsequent Dose of a COVID-19 Vaccine**

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93653	<p>Professional attendance by a general practitioner for the purpose of assessing a patient’s suitability for the second or subsequent dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a short patient history;</li> <li>(ii) limited examination and management;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) the service is bulk-billed;</li> <li>(c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 1 area;</li> <li>(d) the service is rendered in an after-hours period</li> </ul>	42.80
93654	<p>Professional attendance by a general practitioner for the purpose of assessing a patient’s suitability for the second or subsequent dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a short patient history;</li> <li>(ii) limited examination and management;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) the service is bulk-billed;</li> <li>(c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a Modified Monash 2 area; or</li> <li>(ii) a Modified Monash 3 area; or</li> <li>(iii) a Modified Monash 4 area; or</li> <li>(iv) a Modified Monash 5 area; or</li> <li>(v) a Modified Monash 6 area; or</li> <li>(vi) a Modified Monash 7 area;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(d) the service is rendered in an after-hours period</li> </ul>	46.70
93655	<p>Professional attendance by a medical practitioner (other than a general practitioner) for the purpose of assessing a patient’s suitability for the second or subsequent dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a short patient history;</li> <li>(ii) limited examination and management;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) the service is bulk-billed;</li> <li>(c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in a Modified Monash 1 area;</li> <li>(d) the service is rendered in an after-hours period</li> </ul>	32.30

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93656	<p>Professional attendance by a medical practitioner (other than a general practitioner) for the purpose of assessing a patient's suitability for the second or subsequent dose of a COVID-19 vaccine if all of the following apply:</p> <p>(a) one or both of the following is undertaken, where clinically relevant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a short patient history;</li> <li>(ii) limited examination and management;</li> </ul> <p>(b) the service is bulk-billed;</p> <p>(c) the service is provided at, or from, a practice location in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a Modified Monash 2 area; or</li> <li>(ii) a Modified Monash 3 area; or</li> <li>(iii) a Modified Monash 4 area; or</li> <li>(iv) a Modified Monash 5 area; or</li> <li>(v) a Modified Monash 6 area; or</li> <li>(vi) a Modified Monash 7 area;</li> </ul> <p>(d) the service is rendered in an after-hours period</p>	39.60
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**Schedule 4— Indexation**

***Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – General Practice Attendance for Assessing Patient Suitability for a COVID-19 Vaccine) Determination 2021***

**1. Schedule (item 10660, column 3)**

Omit “45.55”, substitute “45.95”.

**2. Schedule (item 10661, column 3)**

Omit “36.45”, substitute “36.80”.