



Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Section 3C General Medical Services – Phone Consultation for COVID-19 Hotspots) Determination 2021

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

Dated 16 July 2021

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Section 3C General Medical Services – Phone Consultation for COVID-19 Hotspots) 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.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	16 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Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1— Amendments

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

1. Subsection 5(1) (definition of *person who is in a COVID-19 impacted area*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

person who is in a COVID-19 Commonwealth declared hotspot means a patient who, at the time of accessing the service, is located in an area determined by the Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer to be a COVID-19 hotspot.

2. Paragraph 8(9)(c)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

- (c) a person who is in a COVID-19 Commonwealth declared hotspot; or
- (ca) a person who is in COVID-19 isolation because of a State or Territory public health order; or
- (cb) a person who is in COVID-19 quarantine because of a State or Territory public health order; or

3. Subsection 8(10)

Omit “39 and 40”, substitute “39, 40 or 41”.

4. Paragraph 1.1.5(1)(c) of Schedule 1

Omit “and 92217,” substitute “92217, 92746 or 92747”.

5. Paragraph 1.1.8(1)(c) of Schedule 1

Omit “and 92217,” substitute “92217, 92746 or 92747”.

6. Schedule 1 (after item 92742)

Insert:

Subgroup 41 – COVID-19 impacted general practice phone services		
92746	Phone attendance by a general practitioner lasting at least 20 minutes in duration, if; <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the service is performed on:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) a person who is in a COVID-19 Commonwealth declared hotspot; or(ii) a person who is in COVID-19 isolation because of a State or Territory public health order; or(iii) a person who is in COVID-19 quarantine because of a State or Territory public health order; and(b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) taking a detailed patient history;(ii) arranging any necessary investigation;(iii) implementing a management plan;(iv) providing appropriate preventative health care	89.10

92747	<p>Phone attendance by a medical practitioner (not including a general practitioner, specialist or consultant physician) lasting at least 20 minutes in duration, if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the service is performed on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a person who is in a COVID-19 Commonwealth declared hotspot; or (ii) a person who is in COVID-19 isolation because of a State or Territory public health order; or (iii) a person who is in COVID-19 quarantine because of a State or Territory public health order; and (b) the attendance includes any of the following that are clinically relevant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) taking a detailed patient history; (ii) arranging any necessary investigation; (iii) implementing a management plan; (iv) providing appropriate preventative health care 	44.70
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7. Subclause 3.1.3(3) of Schedule 3

Omit “91892 or 91893”, substitute “91892, 91893, 92746 or 92747”.