

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGED CARE

HEALTH INSURANCE ACT 1973

**Health Insurance (Medicare Benefits Payable in Respect of Professional Services –
Commonwealth Urgent Care Clinic Program – Victoria) Direction (No. 2) 2023**

I, Nigel Murray, Assistant Secretary, MBS Policy and Specialist Programs Branch, Medicare Benefits and Digital Health Division, Health Resourcing Group, delegate for the Minister for Health and Aged Care, acting under subsection 19(2) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, hereby:

- (1) REVOKE the Health Insurance (Medicare Benefits Payable in Respect of Professional Services – Commonwealth Urgent Care Clinic Program – Victoria) Direction 2023 made under subsection 19(2) of the Act that was signed on 7 July 2023; and
- (2) DIRECT that Medicare Benefits shall be payable in respect of:
 - (a) A professional service (as defined in Section 3 of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*) which has been agreed to be provided:
 - (i) under a Schedule to the Federation Funding Agreement executed on 28 June 2023 between the Commonwealth (represented by the Department of Health and Aged Care, ABN: 83 605 426 759) and the State of Victoria (represented by the Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance, ABN: 44 128 890 975); and
 - (ii) as part of the Commonwealth Urgent Care Clinic Program for which items specified in Schedule A of this Direction; and of the general medical services table (means the table prescribed under subsection 4(1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*) relates; and
 - (b) Where the professional service is provided to:
 - (i) an eligible person (as defined in Section 3 of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*);
 - (ii) a patient who is not receiving the service as part of an episode of hospital treatment (as defined in Section 121-5 of the *Private Health Insurance Act 2007*);
 - (iii) a patient who also is not receiving a service which attracts a payment through the 2020-2025 Addendum to the National Health Reform Agreement for a service rendered to a public patient; and
 - (c) the professional services referred to in clause (a) must be provided:
 - (i) at a practice location specified in Schedule B of this Direction; and
 - (ii) by a general practitioner or participating nurse practitioner mentioned in (a) who is registered to provide services with Services Australia under the Commonwealth Urgent Care Clinic program.

DECLARE that this Direction commences on 1 November 2023 and ceases to have effect at the end of 30 June 2026 unless earlier revoked.

Date this 30 day of October 2023

Nigel Murray
Assistant Secretary
MBS Policy and Specialist Programs Branch
Medicare Benefits and Digital Health Division
Health Resourcing Group
Department of Health and Aged Care

SCHEDULE A

MEDICARE BENEFITS SCHEDULE ITEMS AS AGREED UNDER THE URGENT CARE CLINIC PROGRAM

For services listed in the below tables, all provisions of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* (the Act) and regulations made under the Act, and the *National Health Act 1953* and regulations made under the *National Health Act 1953*, relating to medical services, professional services or items apply.

General Medical Services Table

Group	Group Name	Subgroup	Subgroup Name	Item Number
A1	GP attendances to which no other item applies	1	Level A	3
		2	Level B	23
		3	Level C	36
		4	Level D	44
		5	Level E	123
A5	Prolonged Attendance to Which no Other Item Applies	1	Prolonged Professional Attendance	
A20	GP Mental health Care	1	GP Mental Health Treatment Plans	2713
A22	General Practitioner After-Hours Attendances To Which No Other Item Applies	1	Level A	5000
		2	Level B	5020
		3	Level C	5040
		4	Level D	5060
		5	Level E	5071
T4	Obstetrics			16500
T7	Regional or Field Nerve Blocks			18213
T8	Surgical Operations	1	General	30003, 30006, 30026, 30029, 30032, 30035, 30038, 30042, 30045, 30049, 30061, 30064, 30099, 30216, 30219
		2	Colorectal	32147
		5	Urological	36800
		8	Ear, Nose and Throat	41500, 41677
		9	Ophthalmology	42644, 42650
		14	Hand Surgery	46513, 46528, 46531
		15	Orthopaedic	47904, 47915, 47916, 47015, 47030, 47042, 47057, 47063, 47069, 47301, 47348, 47354, 47361, 47387, 47423,

Group	Group Name	Subgroup	Subgroup Name	Item Number
				47444, 47453, 47462, 47466, 47471, 47543, 47561, 47579, 47595, 47637, 47663, 47735
M1	Management of Bulk Billed Services	1	Management of General Bulk Billed Services	10990, 10991, 10992, 75855, 75856, 75857, 75858
		2	General Support Service	75870, 75871, 75872, 75873, 75874, 75875, 75876
M14	Nurse Practitioners	1	Nurse Practitioners	82200, 82205, 82210, 82215

SCHEDULE B

APPROVED PRACTICE LOCATIONS AS AGREED UNDER THE FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT

Approved primary care locations:

State	Location/ Town	Practice Name	Legal Name	Street Address
VIC	Ballarat	Ballarat Priority Primary Care Centre (UFS Medical)	UFS Dispensaries Limited	1010 Sturt Street, Ballarat VIC 3350
VIC	Frankston	Frankston Priority Primary Care	Sandringham Ambulatory Care Centre Pty Ltd	1-3/49 Beach St, Frankston VIC 3199
VIC	Geelong	Eastbrooke Medical	Eastbrooke Medical Centres Pty Ltd	Eastbrooke Health Hub, 75 Roslyn Road, Belmont VIC 3216
VIC	Heidelberg	Interconnect Healthcare	Trustee for Interconnect Healthcare unit trust (trading as Kerrie Road Family Medical Centre)	455 Upper Heidelberg Road, Heidelberg Heights VIC 3081
VIC	Narre Warren	Narregate Medical & Dental Centre	Idameneo (No. 123) Pty Ltd as the Trustee for Artlu Unit Trust	60 Victor Crescent, Narre Warren VIC 3805
VIC	Prahran	Sandringham Ambulatory Care Centre	Sandringham Ambulatory Care Centre Pty Ltd	20 Commercial Road, Melbourne VIC 3011
VIC	Shepparton	The University of Melbourne Shepparton Medical Centre	Melbourne Teaching Health Clinics LTD. Trading as The University of Melbourne Shepparton Medical Clinics	49 Graham St, Shepparton VIC 3630
VIC	Sunbury	Goonawarra Medical Centre Sunbury	Goonawarra Medical Centre Sunbury The Trustee for Napier Medical Trust	1/5 Dornoch Dr, Sunbury VIC 3429

VIC	Werribee	Werribee PPCC Werribee Medical and Dental	Idameneo (No. 123) Pty Ltd as the Trustee for Artlu Unit Trust	1-5 Station Place, Werribee VIC 3030
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