



Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Heart Health Assessment No.2) Amendment (Prescribed Medical Practitioner) Determination 2024

I, Nigel Murray, delegate of the Minister for Health and Aged Care, make the following determination.

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Heart Health Assessment No.2) Amendment (Prescribed Medical Practitioner) Determination 2024*.

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	1 July 2024.	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.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 – Heart Health Assessment No.2) Determination 2019

1 Subsection 5(1)

Insert:

prescribed medical practitioner has the meaning given by clause 7.1.1 of the *Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2021*.

2 Section 7

Repeal the section, substitute:

7. Application of item 699 and 177

- (1) Clause 2.15.1 of the general medical services table shall have effect as if:
 - (a) item 699 is specified in subclause 2.15.1(1) for the purposes of this clause; or
 - (b) item 177 is specified in subclause 2.15.1(2) for the purposes of this clause.
- (2) Clause 2.15.14 of the general medical services table shall have effect as if item 699 or 177 contained in the Schedule was also specified in clause 2.15.14.
- (3) For any particular patient, item 699 or 177 is not applicable:
 - (a) if the patient has been provided a service to which item 699 or 177 applies in the previous 12 month period; or
 - (b) if, prior to a service, the patient has been provided a service mentioned in:
 - (i) Group A14 of the general medical services table within the previous 12 months, excluding item 715; or
 - (ii) Group A7, Subgroup 5 of the *Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2021* within the previous 12 months, excluding item 228.

3 Section 8

Repeal the section, substitute:

8 Indexation

- (1) At the start of 1 July 2024 (the indexation time), each amount covered by subsection (2) is replaced by the amount worked out using the following formula:

1.035 × the amount of the fee immediately before the indexation time

Note: The indexed fees could in 2024 be viewed on the Department of Health and Aged Care's MBS Online website (<http://www.health.gov.au>).

- (2) The amounts covered by this subsection are the fee for each item in Schedule 1 of this Determination.
- (3) An amount worked out under subsection (1) is to be rounded up or down to the nearest 5 cents (rounding down if the amount is an exact multiple of 2.5 cents).

4 Schedule 1 (item 177, column 2)

After “assessment by a”, insert “prescribed”.

5 Schedule 1 (item 177, column 2)

Omit “(other than a specialist or consultant physician)”.