

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 – New South Wales Urgent Care Services)
Direction 2024**

I, Nigel Murray, Acting First Assistant Secretary, 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:

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) between the Commonwealth (represented by the Department of Health and Aged Care, ABN: 83 605 426 759) and the State of New South Wales (represented by the New South Wales Department of Health, ABN: 92 697 899 630) by New South Wales Urgent Care Services that has been assessed as meeting the requirements of the Commonwealth Urgent Care Clinic program; and
 - (ii) 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.

DECLARED that this Direction commences on 15 January 2024 and ceases to have effect at the end of 30 June 2025 unless earlier revoked.

Date this 3rd day of January 2024

Nigel Murray
Acting First Assistant Secretary
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 URGENT CARE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Approved primary care locations:

State	Location/ Town	Practice Name	Legal Name	Street Address
NSW	Armidale	UNE Medical Practice	UNE Life Pty Ltd	110 Butler Street, Armidale NSW 2350
NSW	Bankstown	Bankstown Medical and Dental Centre	Idameneo (No.123) Pty Ltd as trustee of the Artlu Unit Trust	67 Rickard Road, Bankstown NSW 2200
NSW	Caringbah	Caringbah Medical and Dental Centre	Idameneo (No. 123) Pty Ltd trading as ForHealth Medical and Dental Centres	42 President Avenue, Caringbah NSW 2229
NSW	Carlton	Eastbrooke Medical Centre	Eastbrooke Medical Centres Pty Limited	354-356 Railway Parade, Carlton NSW 2218
NSW	Dapto	Dapto Medical and Dental Centre	Idameneo (No.123) Pty Ltd	112 Princes Highway, Dapto NSW 2530
NSW	Gregory Hills	My Family Health Medical Centre	Ak & Ds Pty Ltd Atf Ak & Ds Unit Trust	Unit 2, 3 Rodeo Road, Gregory Hills NSW 2557
NSW	Liverpool	Myhealth Liverpool	Myhealth Liverpool Pty Ltd	Shop 2090, Level 2, Liverpool Westfield, Macquarie Street, Liverpool NSW 2170
NSW	Orange	Bloomfield Medical Group	The Trustee for BMG Service Trust	Level 2, 1521 Forest Road, Orange NSW 2800
NSW	Ryde	Myhealth Top Ryde	Myhealth Top Ryde	MM17C, Top Ryde City, Blaxland Road and Devlin Street, Ryde NSW 2112