**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 - Queensland Primary Care Pilot) Direction 2024**

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* (the Act)*,* hereby:

1. REVOKE the *Health Insurance (Medicare Benefits Payable in Respect of Professional Services –Commonwealth Urgent Care Clinic Program –Queensland Primary Care Pilot) Direction (No. 3) 2023* made under subsection 19(2) of the Act that was signed on 25 November 2023; and
2. DIRECT that Medicare Benefits shall be payable in respect of:
3. A professional service (as defined in section 3 of the Act) which has been agreed to be provided:
   1. under a Schedule to the Federation Funding Agreement executed on 13 June 2023 between the Commonwealth (represented by the Department of Health and Aged Care, ABN: 83 605 426 759) and the State of Queensland (represented by the Queensland Department of Health, ABN: 66 329 169 412); and
   2. 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 Act) and pathology service table (means the table prescribed under section 4A of the Act) relates: and
4. Where the professional service is provided to:
5. an eligible person (as defined in section 3 of the Act);
6. 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)*;
7. 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
8. The professional services referred to in paragraph (2)(a) must be provided:
   1. at a practice location specified in Schedule B of this Direction; and
   2. by a general practitioner, prescribed medical practitioner or participating nurse practitioner who is registered to provide services with Services Australia under the Commonwealth Urgent Care Clinic program mentioned in paragraph (2)(a).

DECLARE that this Direction commences on 29 June 2024 and ceases to have effect at the end of 30 June 2026 unless earlier revoked.

Date this 17 day of June 2024

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 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 | General practitioner attendances to which no other item applies | | | 3, 23, 36, 44, 123 |
| A5 | Prolonged attendances to which no other item applies | | | |
| A7 | Acupuncture and non-specialist practitioner items | 2 | Prescribed medical practitioner attendance to which no other item applies | 179, 185, 189, 203 |
| 9 | Prescribed medical practitioner mental health care | 279 |
| 10 | Prescribed Medical Practitioner after‑hours attendances to which no other item applies | 733, 737, 741, 745 |
| A20 | Mental health care | 1 | GP mental health treatment plans | 2713 |
| A22 | General practitioner after-hours attendances to which no other item applies | | | 5000, 5020, 5040, 5060, 5071 |
| D1 | Miscellaneous diagnostic procedures and investigations | 6 | Cardiovascular | 11707 |
| 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, 41659, 41677 |
| 9 | Ophthalmology | 42644, 42650 |
| 14 | Hand or wrist surgery | 46513, 46528, 46531 |
| 15 | Orthopaedic | 47904, 47915, 47916, 47015, 47030, 47042, 47057, 47063, 47069, 47301, 47348, 47354, 47361, 47387, 47423, 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 |

*\*Note: Claims under any item in Group A7 in the General Medical Services Table may only be exempt from subsection 19(2) of the Act when the services are claimed by a Prescribed Medical Practitioner operating under the Medicare Urgent Care Clinic Program.*

***Pathology Services Table***

| **Group** | **Group Name** | **Item Number** |
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| P9 | simple basic pathology tests | 73806 |

**SCHEDULE B**

**APPROVED PRACTICE LOCATIONS AS AGREED UNDER THE FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND**

Approved primary care locations:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **State** | **MMM 2 Location** | **Practice Name** | **Legal Name** | **Street Address** |
| QLD | Toowoomba | Toowoomba Medical and Dental Centre | Idameneo (No. 123) Pty Ltd as the Trustee for Artlu Unit Trust | Corner West and 261-269 James Street, Toowoomba QLD 4350 |
| QLD | Townsville | Eastbrooke Family Clinic Townsville | Eastbrooke Medical Centres Pty Ltd | 86 Thuringowa Drive, Thuringowa Central QLD 4817 |