### **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 Locations – New South Wales) 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 Locations New South Wales) Direction 2023 made under subsection 19(2) of the Act that was signed on 30 October 2023; and
  - (2) DIRECT that Medicare Benefits shall be payable in respect of:
    - (a) A professional service (as defined in section 3 of the Act) 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 the Campbelltown Medicare Urgent Care Clinic that has been assessed as meeting the requirements of the Commonwealth Urgent Care Clinic program; 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 Act) and pathology service table (means the table prescribed under section 4A of the Act) relates; and
    - (b) Where the professional service is provided to:
      - (i) an eligible person (as defined in section 3 of the Act);
      - (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:
        - (A) which attracts a payment through the 2020-2025 Addendum to the National Health Reform Agreement for a service rendered to a public patient; or
        - (B) which attracts a payment through another government arrangement outside of the Commonwealth Urgent Care Clinic program for a service rendered to the patient; and
    - (c) The professional services referred to in paragraph (2)(a) must be provided:

- (i) at a practice location specified in Schedule B of this Direction; and
- (ii) by a general practitioner, prescribed medical practitioner or participating nurse practitioner who is registered to provide services in Schedule A 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 attend			3, 23, 36, 44, 123				
A2	Other non-referred	1	Other medical practitioner	52, 53, 54, 57				
	attendances to which no		attendances					
	other item applies	1 . 1 . 1 .	1.					
A5	Prolonged attendances to which no other item applies							
A7	Acupuncture and non-	9	Prescribed medical	279				
	specialist practitioner		practitioner mental health					
	items		care					
A20	Mental health care	1	GP mental health treatment plans	2713				
A22	General practitioner after-h	Lours attendanc		5000, 5020, 5040, 5060,				
<b>A</b> 22	applies	5071						
A23	Other non-referred after-ho	5200, 5203, 5207, 5208						
1123	applies	3200, 3203, 3207, 3200						
A23	Other non-referred after-ho	5200, 5203, 5207, 5208						
	applies							
D1	Miscellaneous diagnostic	6	Cardiovascular	11707				
	procedures and							
	investigations							
T4	Obstetrics	16500						
T7	Regional or field nerve blo	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-	1	Management of general bulk-billed services	10990, 10991, 10992,				
	billed services			75855, 75856, 75857,				
				75858				
				7,5050				

Group	Group Name	Subgroup	Subgroup Name	Item Number
		2	General support service	75870, 75871, 75872, 75873, 75874, 75875, 75876
M14	Nurse practitioners	1	Nurse practitioners	82200, 82205, 82210, 82215

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Claims under any item in Group A2, A7 and A23 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
P9	simple basic pathology tests	73806

### **SCHEDULE B**

# APPROVED COMMONWEALTH URGENT CARE CLINIC LOCATIONS AS AGREED UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH URGENT CARE CLINIC PROGRAM BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT

Approved primary care locations:

State	MMM 1 Location	Practice Name	Legal Name	Street Address
NSW	Campbelltown	Campbelltown Medical and Dental Centre	Idameneo (No. 123) Pty Ltd as the Trustee for Artlu Unit Trust	296 Queen Street, Campbelltown NSW 2560