

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Health Insurance Act 1973

Health Insurance (Section 3C Participating Nurse Practitioner and Midwife Services – Attendances and Other Changes) Amendment Determination 2025

Purpose of supplementary explanatory statement

The purpose of this supplementary explanatory statement is to clarify the requirements for participating midwife attendance item 82140, which is implemented by the *Health Insurance (Section 3C Participating Nurse Practitioner and Midwife Services – Attendances and Other Changes) Amendment Determination 2025*. Specifically, this supplementary explanatory statement clarifies that the attendance by the participating midwife must include a comprehensive examination of the patient and baby, a labour and birth debrief, a mental health assessment and a referral to a primary carer for the ongoing care of the patient and baby, and clarifies what is needed to satisfy the requirements for the attendance.

Amendments to the explanatory statement

For Item 12 in Schedule 2 – Midwife Amendments, repeal and substitute:

Item 12 repeals and replaces the existing descriptor text for participating midwife item 82140 to amend the time in which the attendance is to be performed to a minimum of 4 weeks but not more than 8 weeks after birth of a baby, and to include a minimum professional attendance duration of 60 minutes. The attendance must include:

- (a) a comprehensive examination of the patient and baby to ensure normal postnatal recovery; and
- (b) a labour and birth debrief; and
- (c) a mental health assessment; and
- (d) a referral to a primary carer for the ongoing care of the patient and baby.

Paragraph (c) is satisfied if the patient declines a mental health assessment, and the participating midwife records the patient's decision in the clinical notes. Paragraph (d) is satisfied if the patient declines a referral to a primary carer and the participating midwife records the patient's decision in the clinical notes.