

Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Allied Health Services) Amendment (Eligible Providers) Determination 2025

I, Louise Riley, delegate of the Minister for Health and Aged Care, make the following Amendment Determination.

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1 Name

 This instrument is the *Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Allied Health Services) Amendment (Eligible Providers) Determination 2025.*

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** |
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| **Column 1** | **Column 2** | **Column 3** |
| **Provisions** | **Commencement** | **Date/Details** |
| 1. The whole of this instrument  | 1 July 2025. | 1 July 2025 |

Note:  This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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.

1. 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 Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.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 – Allied Health Services) Determination 2024

1 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *course of assessment*) (subparagraph (a)(vi))

Omit “or”.

2 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *course of assessment*) (subparagraph (a)(vii))

Repeal the subparagraph, substitute:

 (vii) an eligible speech pathologist;

 (viii) an eligible dietitian;

 (ix) an eligible exercise physiologist; or

3 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *course of assessment*) (subparagraph (b)(vi))

Omit “or”.

4 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *course of assessment*) (subparagraph (b)(vii))

Repeal the subparagraph, substitute:

 (vii) an eligible speech pathologist;

 (viii) an eligible dietitian; or

 (ix) an eligible exercise physiologist.

5 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *course of treatment*) (subparagraph (b)(vii))

Repeal the subparagraph, substitute:

 (vii) an eligible speech pathologist;

 (viii) an eligible dietitian;

 (ix) an eligible exercise physiologist, or

6 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *course of treatment*) (subparagraph (c)(vii))

Repeal the subparagraph, substitute:

 (vii) an eligible speech pathologist;

 (viii) an eligible dietitian; or

 (ix) an eligible exercise physiologist.

7 Paragraph 5.1.5(4)(j) of Schedule 2

Omit “or”.

8 Paragraph 5.1.5(4)(k) of Schedule 2

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

 (k) an eligible physiotherapist;

 (l) an eligible dietitian; or

 (m) an eligible exercise physiologist.

9 Schedule 2 (item 82030, column 2)

After “Audiology,”, insert “dietetic, exercise physiology,”.

10 Schedule 2 (item 82030, column 2)

After “eligible audiologist,”, insert “dietitian, exercise physiologist,”.

11 Schedule 2 (item 82035, column 2)

After “Audiology,”, insert “dietetic, exercise physiology,”.

12 Schedule 2 (item 82035, column 2)

After “eligible audiologist,”, insert “dietitian, exercise physiologist,”.

13 Schedule 2 (item 82035, column 2, paragraph (d))

After “eligible audiologist,”, insert “dietitian, exercise physiologist,”.

Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Determination 2021

14 Schedule 3 (item 93033, column 2)

Omit “Speech pathology, occupational therapy, audiology, optometry, orthoptic or physiotherapy health service provided by telehealth attendance to a patient aged under 25 years by an eligible speech pathologist, occupational therapist, audiologist, optometrist, orthoptist or physiotherapist if:”, substitute “Audiology, dietetic, exercise physiology, occupational therapy, optometry, orthoptic, physiotherapy or speech pathology health service provided by telehealth attendance to a patient aged under 25 years by an eligible audiologist, dietitian, exercise physiologist, occupational therapist, optometrist, orthoptist, physiotherapist or speech pathologist if:”

15 Schedule 3 (item 93036, column 2)

Omit “Speech pathology, occupational therapy, audiology, optometry, orthoptic or physiotherapy health service provided by telehealth attendance to a patient aged under 25 years for the treatment of a diagnosed complex neurodevelopmental disorder (such as autism spectrum disorder) or eligible disability by an eligible speech pathologist, occupational therapist, audiologist, optometrist, orthoptist or physiotherapist, if:”, substitute: “Audiology, dietetic, exercise physiology, occupational therapy, optometry, orthoptic, physiotherapy or speech pathology health service provided by telehealth attendance to a patient aged under 25 years for the treatment of a diagnosed complex neurodevelopmental disorder (such as autism spectrum disorder) or eligible disability by an eligible audiologist, dietitian, exercise physiologist, occupational therapist, optometrist, orthoptist, physiotherapist or speech pathologist, if:”.

16 Schedule 3 (item 93036, column 2, paragraph (d))

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

(d) on the completion of the course of treatment, the eligible audiologist, dietitian, exercise physiologist, occupational therapist, optometrist, orthoptist, physiotherapist or speech pathologist gives a written report to the referring eligible medical practitioner on assessments (if performed), treatment provided and recommendations on future management of the patient’s condition

17 Schedule 3 (item 93041, column 2)

Omit “Speech pathology, occupational therapy, audiology, optometry, orthoptic or physiotherapy health service provided by phone attendance to a patient aged under 25 years by an eligible speech pathologist, occupational therapist, audiologist, optometrist, orthoptist or physiotherapist if:”, substitute “Audiology, dietetic, exercise physiology, occupational therapy, optometry, orthoptic, physiotherapy or speech pathology health service provided by phone attendance to a patient aged under 25 years by an eligible audiologist, dietitian, exercise physiologist, occupational therapist, optometrist, orthoptist, physiotherapist or speech pathologist if:”.

18 Schedule 3 (item 93044, column 2)

Omit “Speech pathology, occupational therapy, audiology, optometry, orthoptic or physiotherapy health service provided by phone attendance to a patient aged under 25 years for the treatment of a diagnosed complex neurodevelopmental disorder (such as autism spectrum disorder) or eligible disability by an eligible speech pathologist, occupational therapist, audiologist, optometrist, orthoptist or physiotherapist, if:”, substitute “Audiology, dietetic, exercise physiology, occupational therapy, optometry, orthoptic, physiotherapy or speech pathology health service provided by phone attendance to a patient aged under 25 years for the treatment of a diagnosed complex neurodevelopmental disorder (such as autism spectrum disorder) or eligible disability by an eligible audiologist, dietitian, exercise physiologist, occupational therapist, optometrist, orthoptist, physiotherapist or speech pathologist, if:”.

19 Schedule 3 (item 93044, column 2, paragraph (d))

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

(d) on the completion of the course of treatment, the eligible audiologist, dietitian, exercise physiologist, optometrist, orthoptist, physiotherapist, or speech pathologist gives a written report to the referring eligible medical practitioner on assessments (if performed), treatment provided and recommendations on future management of the patient’s condition