**AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGED CARE**

***HEALTH INSURANCE ACT 1973***

**Health Insurance (Medicare Benefits Payable in Respect of Professional Services – Victoria -** **Medical Services performed under the Single Employer Model Trial) 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. DIRECT that Medicare Benefits shall be payable in respect of:
	1. A professional service (as defined in Section 3 of the Act) which has been agreed to be provided under the Rural Generalist Single Employer Model Trial Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Health and Aged Care (ABN: 83 605 426 759) and the State of Victoria as represented by the Department of Health (ABN: 74 410 330 756) in relation to the Rural Generalist Single Employer Model Trial for which:
		1. 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), diagnostic imaging services table (means the table prescribed under subsection 4AA(1) of the Act) or pathology services table (means the table prescribed under subsection 4A(1) of the Act) relates; and
	2. Where the professional service is provided to:
		1. an eligible person (as defined in Section 3 of the Act);
		2. 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)*; and
		3. 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
	3. The professional services referred to in paragraph (1)(a) must be provided:
		1. at a general practice (as defined in Section 7.1.1 of the general medical services table); and
		2. at a rural or remote practice location specified in Schedule B in an eligible area (as defined in the Dictionary of the of the general medical services table); and
		3. by a rural generalist trainee participating in the program mentioned in paragraph (1)(a):
			1. who is formally enrolled in a fellowship training program that meets the training standards of either:
				1. the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine; and/or;
				2. the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.
			2. who is employed by the State of Victoria as represented by the Department of Health for the provision of primary and acute care services; and
2. DECLARE that this Direction commences on 3 February 2025 and ceases to have effect at the end of 31 December 2026 unless earlier revoked.

Note, this program covers the eighty rural generalist participants who are eligible to use this Direction at any one time.

Date: 18 December 2024

Nigel Murray
Assistant Secretary
MBS Policy and Specialist Programs Branch
Medicare Benefits and Digital Health Division
Health Resourcing Group
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**SCHEDULE A**

**MEDICARE BENEFITS SCHEDULE (MBS) ITEMS AS AGREED under the Victorian rural Generalist SINGLE EMPLOYER Model TRIAL**

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. Medical practitioners and health services must ensure they fulfil the MBS requirements for all items.

***General Medical Services Table***

**Standard Primary Care Services Table**

For services listed in the below table, this list of items includes MBS items that are commonly claimed by doctors in primary care.

| **Group**  | **Group Name**  | **Subgroup**  | **Subgroup Name** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| A1  | General practitioner attendances to which no other item applies  |
| A2  | Other non‑referred attendances to which no other item applies |
| A5  | Prolonged attendances to which no other item applies |
| A6 | Group therapy |
| A7  | Acupuncture and non‑specialist practitioner items |
| A11 | Urgent attendances after—hours |
| A14 | Health assessments |
| A15 | GP management plans, team care arrangements and multidisciplinary care plans and case conferences | 1 | GP management plans, team care arrangements and multidisciplinary care plans |
| 2 | Case conferences |
| A17 | Domiciliary and residential medication management reviews |
| A20 | Mental health care |
| A22 | General practitioner after‑hours attendances to which no other item applies |
| A23 | Other non‑referred after‑hours attendances to which no other item applies |
| A27 | Pregnancy support counselling |
| A29 | Attendance services for complex neurodevelopmental disorder or disability |
| A35 | Non‑referred attendance at a residential aged care facility |
| A36 | Eating disorder services | 1 | Preparation of eating disorder treatment and management plans: general practitioners and non‑specialist medical practitioners |
| 3 | Review of eating disorder treatment and management plans |
| 4 | Providing treatments under eating disorder treatment and management plans |
| A40 | Telehealth and phone attendance services | 1 | General practice telehealth services |
| 2 | General practice phone services |
| 3 | Focussed Psychological Strategies telehealth services |
| 10 | Focussed Psychological Strategies phone services |
| 11 | Health Assessments for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People ‑ Telehealth Service |
| 13 | GP management plans, team care arrangements and multidisciplinary care plans via telehealth attendance |
| 15 | GP Pregnancy Support Counselling ‑ Telehealth Service |
| 16 | GP Pregnancy Support Counselling ‑ Phone Service |
| 17 | GP, specialist and consultant physician complex neurodevelopmental disorder or disability service ‑ telehealth service |
| 19 | GP Mental Health Treatment Plan ‑ Telehealth Service |
| 20 | GP Mental Health Treatment Plan ‑ Phone Service |
| 21 | GP Eating Disorder Treatment and Management Plan – Telehealth Service |
| 25 | Review of an Eating Disorder Plan ‑ Telehealth Service |
| 26 | Review of an Eating Disorder Plan – Phone Service |
| 27 | Eating Disorder Psychological Treatment Services – Telehealth Service |
| 28 | Eating Disorder Psychological Treatment Strategies – Phone Service |
| 29 | GP and Other Medical Practitioner ‑ Urgent After Hours Service in Unsociable Hours ‑ Telehealth Service |
| 37 | Specialist, anaesthesia telehealth services |
| 39 | GP Blood Borne Viruses, Sexual or Reproductive Health Consultation – Telehealth Service |
| 40 | GP Blood Borne Viruses, Sexual or Reproductive Health Consultation – Phone Service |
| A44 | General Practice Attendance for Assessing Patient Suitability for a COVID‑19 Vaccine |
| M1 | Management of bulk‑billed services |
| M12 | Services provided by a practice nurse, an Aboriginal health worker or an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner on behalf of a medical practitioner | 1 | Video conferencing consultation support service provided by a practice nurse, an Aboriginal health worker or an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner on behalf of a medical practitioner |
| 3 | Services provided by a practice nurse or an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner on behalf of a medical practitioner |

**Non-Standard Primary Care Services Table**

For services listed in the below table, this list of items includes MBS items that are not commonly claimed by doctors in primary care.

| **Group**  | **Group Name**  | **Subgroup**  | **Subgroup Name** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| D1 | Miscellaneous diagnostic procedures and investigations | 2 | Ophthalmology |
| 3 | Otolaryngology |
| 4 | Respiratory |
| 5 | Vascular |
| 6 | Cardiovascular |
| 8 | Genito‑urinary physiological investigations |
| 9 | Allergy testing |
| 10 | Other diagnostic procedures and investigations |
| D2 | Nuclear medicine (non‑imaging) |
| T1 | Miscellaneous therapeutic procedures | 2 | Dialysis |
| 4 | Paediatric and neonatal |
| 5 | Cardiovascular |
| 8 | Haematology |
| 9 | Procedures associated with intensive care and cardiopulmonary support |
| 11 | Chemotherapeutic procedures |
| 13 | Miscellaneous therapeutic procedures |
| T3 | Therapeutic nuclear medicine |
| T4 | Obstetrics |
| T6  | Examination by anaesthetist |
| T7 | Regional or field nerve blocks |
| T8 | Surgical operations | 1 | General |
| 2 | Colorectal |
| 3 | Vascular |
| 4 | Gynaecological |
| 5 | Urological |
| 6 | Cardio‑thoracic |
| 7 | Neurosurgical |
| 8 | Ear, nose and throat |
| 9 | Ophthalmology |
| 11 | Paediatric |
| 12 | Amputations |
| 13 | Plastic and reconstructive surgery |
| 14 | Hand or wrist surgery |
| 15 | Orthopaedic |
| T9 | Assistance at operations |
| T10  | Anaesthesia performed in connection with certain services (Relative Value Guide) |

***Diagnostic Imaging Services Table***

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| **Group**  | **Group Name**  | **Subgroup**  | **Subgroup Name** |
| I1 | ultrasound | 6 | Musculoskeletal ultrasound |
| I3 | diagnostic radiology | 1 | Radiographic examination of extremities |
| 2 | Radiographic examination of shoulder or pelvis |
| 3 | Radiographic examination of head |
| 4 | Radiographic examination of spine |
| 5 | Bone age study and skeletal survey |
| 6 | Radiographic examination of thoracic region |
| 7 | Radiographic examination of urinary tract |
| 8 | Radiographic examination of alimentary tract and biliary system |
| 12 | Radiographic examination with opaque or contrast media |
| I6 | management of bulk‑billed services |

***Pathology Services Table***

| **Group**  | **Group Name**  |
| --- | --- |
| P1 | haematology |
| P2 | chemical |
| P9  | simple basic pathology tests |
| P12  | management of bulk‑billed services |

**SCHEDULE B**

**Approved Modified Monash 2-7 rural and remote Practice Locations AS AGREED under the Victorian rural Generalist SINGLE EMPLOYER Model TRIAL**

Approved primary care Modified Monash Model (MMM) 2 locations:

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| **MMM 2 location** | **Practice Name** | **Legal Name** | **Street Address** |
| Bendigo | Bendigo Community Health Services | Bendigo Community Health Services Limited | 75 Mitchell Street Bendigo VIC 3550 |
| Drysdale | Trinity Family Medical Centre | Trinity Family Medical Centre Pty Ltd | 49 Clifton Spring Rd Drysdale VIC 3222 |

Approved primary care Modified Monash Model (MMM) 3 locations:

| **MMM 3 location** | **Practice Name** | **Legal Name** | **Street Address** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Echuca | Dove Medical Centre | The Trustee for The RMJ Trust | 309 High Street Echuca VIC 3564 |
| Echuca | Echuca Moama Family Medical Practice | The Trustee for the Nish Street Unit Trust | 179-183 Annesley Street Echuca VIC 3564 |
| Echuca | Rich River Health Group | Family Doctor Pty Ltd | 214 Ogilvie Ave Echuca VIC 3564 |
| Horsham | Lister House Medical Clinic | Lister House Clinic Administration Trust | 146 Baillie St Horsham VIC 3400 |
| Horsham | Read Street Medical Clinic | Grampians Health | 6-12 Read Street Horsham VIC 3400 |
| Mildura | Deakin Medical Centre | The Trustee for DM Unit Trust | 255 Deakin Avenue Mildura VIC 3500 |
| Mildura | Kure Medical Mildura | KMG Mildura Pty Ltd | 133-137 Langtree Avenue Mildura VIC 3500 |
| Mildura | Lime Medical Clinic | Family Doctor Pty Ltd | 154 Lime Ave Mildura VIC 3500 |
| Mildura | Mildura Health Private Hospital | Mildura District Hospital Fund Ltd. | 220 - 228 Thirteenth Street Mildura VIC 3500 |
| Mildura | Ontario Family Practice | The Trustee for Ontario Family Practice Unit Trust | 202 Ontario Avenue Mildura VIC 3500 |
| Mildura | Ontario Medical Clinic | Ontario Medical Clinic Unit Trust | 196-200 Ontario Avenue Mildura VIC 3500 |
| Moama | Echuca Moama Family Medical Practice | The Trustee for the Nish Street Unit Trust | 1 Martin Street Moama NSW 2731 |
| Red Cliffs | Sunraysia Medical Centre | The Trustee for Medicentre Medical Trust | 49 Indi Avenue Red Cliffs VIC 3496 |
| Shepparton | Shepparton Medical Centre | Melbourne Teaching Health Clinics Ltd | 49 Graham Street Shepparton VIC 3630 |
| Trafalgar | Trafalgar Medical Centre | The Trustee for Trafmc Unit Trust | 24a Contingent Street Trafalgar VIC 3824 |
| Wangaratta | Wangaratta Medical Centre | MG MEDICAL CO PTY LTD | 34 Green St Wangaratta VIC 3677 |
| Warrnambool | Middle Island Medical Clinic | The Mckellar Group Pty Ltd | 43 Fairy St Warrnambool VIC 3280 |

Approved primary care Modified Monash Model (MMM) 4 locations:

| **MMM 4 location** | **Practice Name** | **Legal Name** | **Street Address** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Ararat | Ararat Medical Centre | F Ahmad & M.J Connellan & P Fonseka & P Pretorius & C.S Wong | 55 High Street Ararat VIC 3377 |
| Bairnsdale | Dr Jane's Place | D.G. Campbell Proprietary Limited | 188 Macleod Street Bairnsdale VIC 3875 |
| Bairnsdale | Macleod Street Medical Centre | Macleod Street Medical Centre | 93 Macleod Street Bairnsdale VIC 3875 |
| Castlemaine | Botanical Gardens Health | The Trustee for Botanical Gardens Health Services Trust | 137 Cornish Street Castlemaine VIC 3450 |
| Castlemaine | Goldfields Medical Group T/A Lyttleton St Medical Clinic | The Trustee for Goldfields Medical Group Trust | 64 Lyttleton St Castlemaine VIC 3450 |
| Castlemaine | Mostyn Street Clinic | The Trustee For Mostyn Street Clinic Trust | 11 Mostyn Street Castlemaine VIC 3450 |
| Corowa | Redgum Medical Group | The Trustee for Corowa Medical Centre Trust | 61 Guy Street Corowa NSW 2646 |
| Kilmore | Stepping Stones Medical Centre | The Trustee for Stepping Stones Unit Trust | 1A Mill Road Kilmore VIC 3764 |
| Kyabram | Kyabram Regional Clinic | The Trustee for the New Kyabram Regional Clinic Unit Trust | 98 Fenaughty St Kyabram VIC 3620 |
| Lakes Entrance | Cunninghame Arm Medical Centre | D.G. Campbell Proprietary Limited | 8 Whiters Street Lakes Entrance VIC 3909 |
| Lakes Entrance | Gippsland Lakes Complete Health | Gippsland Lakes Complete Health Limited | 18-26 Jemmeson Street Lakes Entrance VIC 3909 |
| Maryborough | Nightingale Clinic | The Trustee for Nightingale Clinic Unit Trust | 6 Neill Street Maryborough VIC 3465 |
| Sale | Clocktower Medical Centre | Y Jiang & G Pathania & R Sudan & W Truong & T Walsh | 284 Raymond Street Sale VIC 3850 |
| Sale | Inglis Medical Centre | The Trustee for Inglis Medical Centre Service Trust | 12 Inglis Street Sale VIC 3850 |
| Sale | Sale Medical Centre | Nicolson Medical Services Pty Ltd | 73 Pearson St Sale VIC 3850 |
| Stawell | Stawell Medical Centre | Grampians Health | 26 Wimmera Street Stawell VIC 3380 |
| Swan Hill | Swan Hill Primary Health Medical Center (High Street) | Swan Hill District Health | 31 High street Swan Hill VIC 3585 |
| Swan Hill | Swan Hill Primary Health Medical Centre (McCrae Street) | Swan Hill District Health | 54-56 McCrae Street Swan Hill VIC 3585 |
| Yarrawonga | Yarrawonga Medical Clinic | The Trustee For Guha Family Trust | 29 Hume Street Yarrawonga VIC 3730 |

Approved primary care Modified Monash Model (MMM) 5 locations:

| **MMM 5 location** | **Practice Name** | **Legal Name** | **Street Address** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Beaufort | Beaufort Family Practice | Beaufort Family Practice Pty Ltd | 54 Neill Street Beaufort VIC 3373 |
| Cobden | Cobden Family Practice | Cobden District Health Services Inc | 5 Victoria Street Cobden VIC 3266 |
| Cohuna | Ochre Health Cohuna | Ochre Health Pty Limited | 111 King George Street Cohuna VIC 3564 |
| Daylesford | Springs Medical | The Trustee For Springs Medical Centre Service Trust | 10 Hospital Street Daylesford VIC 3460 |
| Foster | Foster Medical Centre | The Trustee for the Medical Services Trust | 97 Station Road Foster VIC 3960 |
| Heyfield | Heyfield Medical Centre | Peter Michael Stevens Pty Ltd. | 19 Tyson Road Heyfield VIC 3858 |
| Kerang | Kerang Medical Centre | Kerang District Health | 47 Victoria St Kerang VIC 3579 |
| Leongatha | Leongatha Healthcare Services | The Trustee for Leongatha Healthcare Services Trust | 14 Koonwarra Road Leongatha VIC 3953 |
| Mansfield | Mansfield Medical Clinic | Mansfield Medical Clinic Pty Ltd. | 49 Highett St Mansfield VIC 3722 |
| Murchison | Murchison Medical Clinic | The Trustee for Aluthge Family Trust | 21 Impey Street Murchison VIC 3610 |
| Myrtleford | Alba Health | Alba Health Pty Ltd | 153-157 Myrtle Street Myrtleford VIC 3737 |
| Nagambie | Nagambie Medical Centre | The Trustee for Atif Medical Practice Trust | 20 Church Street Nagambie VIC 3608 |
| Ouyen | Mallee Track Medical Clinic Ouyen | Mallee Track Health and Community Service | 28 Britt Street Ouyen VIC 3490 |
| Port Fairy | Port Fairy Medical Clinic | The Trustee for Oigles Service Trust | 28 Villiers Street Port Fairy VIC 3284 |
| Robinvale | RFDS Health Group Robinvale | Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (Victorian Section) | 128-132 Latje Road Robinvale VIC 3549 |
| Sea Lake | Mallee Track Medical Clinic Sea Lake | Mallee Track Health and Community Service | 33-43 McClelland Avenue Sea Lake VIC 3533 |
| Teesdale | Teesdale Family Medical Centre | Trinity Medical Group Pty Ltd | 33 Bruce St Teesdale VIC 3328 |

Approved primary care Modified Monash Model (MMM) 6 locations:

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| **MM6 Location** | **Practice Name** | **Legal Name** | **Street Address** |
| Mallacoota | Mallacoota Medical Centre | The Trustee For The Mallamed Unit Trust | 21-23 Maurice Ave Mallacoota VIC 3892 |