Health Insurance (Medicare Benefits Payable in Respect of Professional Services – Charleville and Western Areas Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Community Health – Medical Services performed under the Single Employer Model Trial) Direction 2026

made under subsection 19(2) of the

Health Insurance Act 1973

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About this compilation

This compilation

This is a compilation of the *Health Insurance (Medicare Benefits Payable in Respect of Professional Services – Charleville and Western Areas Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Community Health – Medical Services performed under the Single Employer Model Trial) Direction 2026* that shows the text of the law as amended and in force on 1 July 2026 (the ***compilation date***).

The notes at the end of this compilation (the ***endnotes***) include information about amending laws and the amendment history of provisions of the compiled law.

Uncommenced amendments

The effect of uncommenced amendments is not shown in the text of the compiled law. The details of amendments made up to, but not commenced at, the compilation date are underlined in the endnotes. Any uncommenced amendments affecting the law are accessible on the Register (www.legislation.gov.au).

Application, saving and transitional provisions

If the operation of a provision or amendment of the compiled law is affected by an application, saving or transitional provision that is not included in this compilation, details are included in the endnotes.

Editorial changes

For more information about any editorial changes made in this compilation, see the endnotes.

Presentational changes

The *Legislation Act 2003* provides for First Parliamentary Counsel to make presentational changes to a compilation. Presentational changes are applied to give a more consistent look and feel to legislation published on the Register, and enable the user to more easily navigate those documents.

Modifications

If the compiled law is modified by another law, the compiled law operates as modified but the modification does not amend the text of the law. Accordingly, this compilation does not show the text of the compiled law as modified. Any modifications affecting the law are accessible on the Register.

Self-repealing provisions

If a provision of the compiled law has been repealed in accordance with a provision of the law, details are included in the endnotes.

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Health Insurance (Medicare Benefits Payable in Respect of Professional Services – Charleville and Western Areas Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Community Health – Medical Services performed under the Single Employer Model Trial) Direction 2026*.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 19(2) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

4 Repeals

This instrument is repealed on 30 June 2028 at 11:59pm, unless repealed earlier.

5 Definitions

diagnostic imaging services table means the table prescribed under section 4AA of the HI Act.

eligible area has the meaning given by Part 7.1.1 of the *Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2021*.

eligible person has the meaning given by subsection 3(1) of the HI Act.

general medical services table means the table prescribed under section 4 of the HI Act.

general practice has the meaning given by Part 7.1.1 of the *Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2021*.

general practitioner has the meaning given by subsection 3(1) of the HI Act.

HI Act means the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

hospital treatment has the meaning given by section 121-5 of the *Private Health Insurance Act 2007*.

MBS means the Medicare Benefits Schedule.

MMM means the Modified Monash Model.

pathology services table means the table prescribed under section 4A of the HI Act.

professional service has the meaning given by subsection 3(1) of the HI Act.

prescribed medical practitioner has the meaning given by Part 7.1.1 of the *Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2021.*

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6 Medicare benefits payable in respect of the Single Employer Model Trial

A Medicare benefit shall be payable in respect of a professional service where the following are met.

(a) The professional service has been agreed to be provided under the First Nations led Single Employer Model Trial as per the Commonwealth Standard Grant Agreement between the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (ABN: 83 605 426 759) and the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (ABN: 97 111 116 762) and under the subcontracting arrangement between the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council and Charleville and Western Areas Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Community Health (ABN: 84 826 588 748).

(b) The professional service is provided to the following:

(i) an eligible person;

(ii) a patient who is not receiving the service as part of an episode of hospital treatment;

(iii) a patient who also is not receiving a service which attracts a payment:

(A) through Schedule L of the 2026-31 Addendum to the *National Health Reform Agreement* for a service rendered to a public patient; or

(B) through another government arrangement outside of the Single Employer Model Trial for the professional service rendered to the patient.

(c) The professional service corresponds with an MBS group, subgroup or item specified in **Schedule 1**.

(d) The professional service referred to in paragraph (a) must be provided:

(i) at a general practice; and

(ii) at a rural or remote location specified in **Schedule 2**; and

(iii) by a participating rural generalist or rural general practice trainee participating in the Single Employer Model Trial, who is employed by Charleville and Western Areas Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Community Health for the provision of primary and acute care services, and who is formally enrolled in a fellowship training program that meets the standards of:

(A) the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine; and/or

(B) the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.

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Schedule 1—Relevant services

1.1 *General Medical Services Table*

For services listed in the below tables, all provisions of the HI Act and regulations made under the HI 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.

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	5	Prescribed medical practitioner health assessments
		6	Prescribed medical practitioner chronic condition management plans, multidisciplinary care plans and case conferences
A11	Urgent attendances after—hours		
A14	Health assessments		
A15	GP chronic condition management plans, multidisciplinary care plans and case conferences	1	GP chronic condition management plans 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

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Group	Group Name	Subgroup	Subgroup Name
			eating disorder treatment and management plans
A40	Telehealth attendance services	1	General practice video services
		2	General practice phone services
		3	Focussed Psychological Strategies - Video Services
		10	Focussed Psychological Strategies phone services
		11	Health Assessments for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People - Video Service
		13	GP management plans, team care arrangements and multidisciplinary care plans services – Video Services
		15	GP Pregnancy Support Counselling - Video Services
		16	GP Pregnancy Support Counselling - Phone Service
		17	GP, specialist and consultant physician complex neurodevelopmental disorder or disability service - Video services
		19	GP Mental Health Treatment Plan - Video Services
		21	GP Eating Disorder Treatment and Management Plan – Video Services
		25	Review of an Eating Disorder Plan - Video Services
		26	Review of an Eating Disorder Plan – Phone Service
		27	Eating Disorder Psychological Treatment Services – Video Services
		28	Eating Disorder Psychological Treatment Strategies – Phone Service
		29	GP and Other Medical Practitioner - Urgent After Hours Service in Unsociable

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Group	Group Name	Subgroup	Subgroup Name
			Hours - Video Services
		37	Specialist, anaesthesia video services
		39	GP Blood Borne Viruses, Sexual or Reproductive Health Consultation – Video Services
		40	GP Blood Borne Viruses, Sexual or Reproductive Health Consultation – Phone Service
M1	Management of bulk-billed services		
M12	Services provided by a practice nurse, an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 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 and Torres Strait Islander 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

1.2 *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. Medical practitioners and health services must ensure they fulfil the MBS requirements for these items.

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	2	Dialysis

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Group	Group Name	Subgroup	Subgroup Name
	procedures	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)		

1.3 *Diagnostic Imaging Services Table*

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

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Group	Group Name	Subgroup	Subgroup Name
			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		

1.4 *Pathology Services Table*

Group	Group Name
P1	Haematology
P2	Chemical
P9	Simple basic pathology tests
P12	Management of bulk-billed services

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Schedule 2—Approved clinic locations

MMM classification	Location	Clinic Name	Legal Name	Street Address
7	Charleville	Acacia Country Practice	ACACIA COUNTRY HEALTH PTY LTD	191 Brumby Drive, Charleville Queensland 4470

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Endnotes

Endnote 1—About the endnotes

The endnotes provide information about this compilation and the compiled law.

The following endnotes are included in every compilation:

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Endnote 3—Legislation history
Endnote 4—Amendment history

Abbreviation key—Endnote 2
The abbreviation key sets out abbreviations that may be used in the endnotes.

Legislation history and amendment history—Endnotes 3 and 4
Amending laws are annotated in the legislation history and amendment history.

The legislation history in endnote 3 provides information about each law that has amended (or will amend) the compiled law. The information includes commencement details for amending laws and details of any application, saving or transitional provisions that are not included in this compilation.

The amendment history in endnote 4 provides information about amendments at the provision (generally section or equivalent) level. It also includes information about any provision of the compiled law that has been repealed in accordance with a provision of the law.

Editorial changes
The *Legislation Act 2003* authorises First Parliamentary Counsel to make editorial and presentational changes to a compiled law in preparing a compilation of the law for registration. The changes must not change the effect of the law. Editorial changes take effect from the compilation registration date.

If the compilation includes editorial changes, the endnotes include a brief outline of the changes in general terms. Full details of any changes can be obtained from the Office of Parliamentary Counsel.

Misdescribed amendments
A misdescribed amendment is an amendment that does not accurately describe how an amendment is to be made. If, despite the misdescription, the amendment can be given effect as intended, then the misdescribed amendment can be incorporated through an editorial change made under section 15V of the *Legislation Act 2003*.

If a misdescribed amendment cannot be given effect as intended, the amendment is not incorporated and "(md not incorp)" is added to the amendment history.

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Endnote 2—Abbreviation key

ad = added or inserted

am = amended

amdt = amendment

C[x] = Compilation No. x

ch = Chapter(s)

cl = clause(s)

cont. = continued

def = definition(s)

Dict = Dictionary

disallowed = disallowed by Parliament

div = Division(s)

ed = editorial change

exp = expires/expired or ceases/ceased to have effect

gaz = gazette

LA = *Legislation Act 2003*

LIA = *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*

(md) = misdescribed amendment can be given effect

(md not incorp) = misdescribed amendment cannot be given effect

mod = modified/modification

No. = Number(s)

Ord = Ordinance

orig = original

p = page(s)

para = paragraph(s)/subparagraph(s) /sub-subparagraph(s)

pres = present

prev = previous

(prev…) = previously

pt = Part(s)

r = regulation(s)/Court rule(s)

reloc = relocated

renum = renumbered

rep = repealed

rs = repealed and substituted

s = section(s)/subsection(s) /rule(s)/subrule(s)/order(s)/suborder(s)

sch = Schedule(s)

SLI = Select Legislative Instrument

SR = Statutory Rules

sub ch = Sub-Chapter(s)

sub div = Subdivision(s)

sub pt = Subpart(s)

<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced or to be commenced

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Endnote 3—Legislation history

Name	Registration	Commencement	Application, saving and transitional provisions
Health Insurance (Medicare Benefits Payable in Respect of Professional Services – Charleville and Western Areas Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Community Health – Medical Services performed under the Single Employer Model Trial) Direction 2026	20 Jan 2026 (F2026N00048)	26 Jan 2026 (s 2(1) item 1)	
Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Consequential Amendment - Schedules of the Addendum to the National Health Reform Agreement) Direction 2026	1 July 2026 (F2026N00468)	sch 1 (item 6): 1 July 2026 (s 2(1) item 1)	—

Endnote 4—Amendment history

Provision affected	How affected
s 2.....	rep LA s 48D
s 6.....	am F2026N00468