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AMENDMENT TO THE PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (PROSTHESES) RULES 2011 (No. 2)

Purpose

The purpose of this Circular is to inform stakeholders of:

- Errors identified on the Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Rules 2011 (No. 2) that commences on 22 August 2011. These errors include the reinstatement of two billing codes, changes to the description of eight items; and seven omissions from the deletion report for the August 2011 Prostheses List. An Amendment to the Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Rules 2011 (No. 2) is currently being drafted and is scheduled to commence on 5 September 2011.

Amendment to Part A

The Amendment Rules will amend Part A of the Schedule to the Rules by:

- Reinstating billing codes:
 - BS198 Uphold Lite Vaginal Support System; and
 - SM079 TC PLUS Knee System Femoral and Tibial Stems as follows:

Billing Code	Assessment Body	Product Group	Product Sub-Group	Suffix	Product Name	Description	Size	Benefit Amount
BS198	4 Urogenital	Group 4 Urogenital Reconstructive Material	Group 4a Reconstructive Material - Synthetic	k	Uphold LITE Vaginal Support System	Synthetic polypropylene mesh assemblies and fixation device	One	\$1322.00
SM079	Knee	Knee-Accessories	12.11.10 - Accessories - Stems - Straight or Offset	-	TC (Tri Compartment) PLUS Knee System Femoral and Tibial Stems	Femoral and Tibial Stems, Cemented, CoCr	80 - 150	\$1258.00

- Changes (**noted in bold**) to the descriptions of the items at Attachment A; and

- Correcting the deletion report with an additional seven deletions as follows:

Billing Code	Deletion
SN 814	Requested by sponsor
SN 356	Requested by sponsor
SM 048	Requested by sponsor
SN 335	Requested by sponsor
SN 063	Requested by sponsor
SN 852	Requested by sponsor
SN 371	Requested by sponsor

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Attachment A

Billing Code	Assessment Body	Product Group	Product Sub-Group	Suffix	Product Name	Description	Size	Benefit Amount
DP956	6 – Specialist Orthopaedic	6.2.4 Shoulder Humeral	6.2.4.9 - Modular Humeral component - diaphyseal, uncemented, short (=220mm)	-	Delta Shoulder system	Modular diaphyseal stem HA coated	Size 1-4	\$2, 800.00
JJ833	6 – Specialist Orthopaedic	6.2.4 Shoulder Humeral	6.2.4.4 - Modular humeral component - metaphyseal, cemented	-	Delta Shoulder system	Modular metaphyseal cemented component	1-4 in 26 - 42mm	\$2, 436.00
JJ834	6 – Specialist Orthopaedic	6.2.4 Shoulder Humeral	6.2.4.5 - Modular humeral component - metaphyseal, uncemented	-	Delta Shoulder system	Modular metaphyseal component HA coated	1-4 in 26 - 42mm	\$2, 580.00
DY556	Spinal	Group 1 Fixation: Bone Screw	Group 1b - Pedicle Bone Screw, Polyaxial	2: Cannulated	Expedium Spine System	Si Polyaxial Screw	4.35 - 11mm x 20 - 100mm	\$1330.00
SX051	6 – Specialist Orthopaedic	6.3.14 Bone Cement	6.3.14.1 – Cement only	-	Osseofix + System	Radiopaque bone cement vertebroplasty system,	10gm, 11gm, 13gm	\$174.00
JJ736	6 – Specialist Orthopaedic	6.3.14 Bone Cement	6.3.14.2 – Bone Cement with complex delivery system	-	Confidence Spinal cement system	Spinal Bone Cement PMMA and Percutaneous Administration Kit	11cc	\$500.00
SN273	11- Hip	11.1.11 Calcar Replacement	11.1.11.1 Short and standard length	-	Echelon/ Spectron	Revision Hip Stem - Non-porous	135mm - 200mm	\$3700.00
SN271	11- Hip	11.1.11 Calcar Replacement	11.1.11.2 Calcar Replacement – Long Length	-	Echelon	Revision Hip Stem - Non-porous	225mm - 300mm	\$6900.00