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AUGUST 2012 PROSTHESES LIST

Purpose

The purpose of this Circular is to inform the health industry that:

- the delegate of the Minister for Health and Ageing has made rules giving effect to a new version of the Protheses List (August 2012); and
- the August 2012 Protheses List commences on 30 August 2012.

It is anticipated that the *Private Health Insurance (Protheses) Rules 2012 (No. 1)* ('the Rules') will be available on the Department's website on 22 August 2012. Please note that the Rules are being registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments (FRLI) with a commencement date of 30 August 2012.

Variations from the previous Protheses List – Part A (Protheses)

The August 2012 Protheses List (Part A) contains the following changes:

- 681 new billing codes (391 for new products, 92 resulting from expansions, 168 resulting from transfers, 16 resulting from compressions and 14 resulting from duplications).
- 741 billing codes have had amendments to one or more of the following: benefit/s, product information text, product groups/subgroups.
- 524 billing codes were deleted

Variations from the previous Protheses List – Part B (Human Tissue)

The August 2012 Protheses List (Part B) includes the following changes:

- 1 new product has been added; and
- 4 existing products have had benefit/detail amendments.

Variations from the previous Protheses List – Part C (Other Protheses)

The August 2012 Protheses List (Part C) includes the following change:

- 2 billing codes were deleted

The August 2012 Protheses List and associated reports are available on the Department's website:
<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-privatehealth-protheseslist.htm>

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