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**PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE CIRCULAR**

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**AMENDMENT TO THE PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (PROSTHESES) Amendment Rules  
2012 (No. 3)**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this Circular is to inform stakeholders of an amendment to the Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Rules (No. 2). The amended Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Amendment Rules (No. 3) will commence on 30 August 2012. The amended rules will be available on the departments website:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/content/prostheses-list-pdf.htm>

**Amendments to Part A**

The Amendment Rules amend Part A of the Schedule to the Rules as follows:

- Add one (1) new item:

Billing Code	Sponsor	Product Name	Description	Size	Minimum Benefit
AC082	Atrium Australia – Pacific Rim Pty Ltd	Interflow Ultrathin Radially Supported	ePTFE vascular graft with radial support	6-8mm x 40cm	\$1,520

- Reinstate two (2) items:

Billing Code	Sponsor	Product Name	Description	Size	Minimum Benefit
SJ288	St Jude Medical Australia Pty Ltd	Anchor (Butterfly)	Lead Anchor (Butterfly)	One size only	\$168
SY249	Synthes Australia Pty Ltd	AO/ASIF K Wires, Pins, Washers – Steel/Ti Sterile & Non Sterile	Hybrid Pins – Spade point wires/reduction wires	1.5, 2.0mm Diameter	\$129

- Delete four (4) billing codes:

Billing Code	Sponsor	Product Name
SJ228	St Jude Medical Australia Pty Ltd	Interflow Ultrathin Radially Supported
AC081	Atrium Australia – Pacific Rim Pty Ltd	Anchor (Butterfly)
SP051	Surgiplas Medical	CONTOUR Hand Screws
SP052	Surgiplas Medical	CONTOUR Hand

- Change the 'Minimum Benefit' from \$4,100 to \$3,700 for one (1) item:

Billing Code	Sponsor	Product Name
GO007	Global Orthopaedic Technology	RBK Total Knee System Femoral Component

- Change ten (10) billing codes from National Surgical Corporation Pty Ltd to National Surgical Pty Ltd due to incorrect transfer:

Previous Billing Code	New Billing Code	Product Name	Description	Size	Minimum Benefit
NI159	NK006	Fortex Pedicle Screw System – Pedicle Screw	Polyaxial pedicle screw	4.75, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.25mm diameter. 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55mm lengths.	\$1,330
NI160	NK007	Spider Cervical Plating System – Spider Screw	Titanium, Self Tapping and Self Drilling	4.0 – 4.25mm, lengths 12-16mm	\$200
NI161	NK008	Calix Interbody Spacer	Cervical cage, PEEK	Heights 5-12mm. Lordotic and Convex	\$2,503
NI162	NK009	Calix Peek Lumbar System	Peek lumbar interbody spacer for fusion of the lumbar spine using an anterior, posterior or transverse approach.	36mm x 24mm x 8mm x 8deg, 36mm x 24mm x 10mm x 8deg, 36mm x 24mm x 12mm x 8deg, 36mm x 24mm x 14mm x 8deg, 36mm x 24mm x 16mm x 8deg, 36mm x 24mm x 18mm x 8deg, 36mm x 24mm x 20mm x 8deg, 36mm x 24mm x 8mm x 12deg, 36mm x 24mm x 10mm x 12deg, 36mm x 24mm x 12mm x 12deg, 36mm x 24mm x 14mm x 12deg, 36mm x 24mm x 16mm x 12deg, 36mm x 24mm x 18mm x 12deg, 36mm x 24mm x 20mm x 12deg, 28mm x 10mm x 6mm, 28mm x 10mm x 7mm, 28mm x 10mm x 8mm, 28mm x 10mm x 9mm, 28mm x 10mm x 10mm, 28mm x 10mm x 11mm, 28mm x 10mm x 12mm, 28mm x 10mm x 13mm, 28mm x 10mm x 14mm, 28mm x 10mm x 15mm, 28mm x 10mm x 16mm, 22mm x 10mm x 6mm, 22mm x 10mm x 7mm, 22mm x 10mm x 8mm, 22mm x 10mm x 9mm, 22mm x 10mm x 10mm, 22mm x 10mm x 11mm, 22mm x 10mm x 12mm, 22mm x 10mm x 13mm, 22mm x 10mm x 14mm, 22mm x 10mm x 15mm, 22mm x 10mm x 16mm, 26mm x 10mm x 6mm, 26mm x 10mm x 8mm, 26mm x 10mm x 10mm, 26mm x 10mm x 12mm, 26mm x 10mm x 14mm, 26mm x 10mm x 6mm x 5o, 26mm x 10mm x 8mm x 5o, 26mm x 10mm x 10mm x 5o, 26mm x 10mm x 12mm x 5o, 26mm x 10mm x 14mm x 5o	\$3,000
NI163	NK010	Fortex Pedicle Screw Set	Pedicle Screw Set	3.1mm height	\$170
NI164	NK011	Capless LI Pedicle screw system – X Link cross connector – Fixed	Titanium, lowprofile transverse crossconnector	Low profile, multiple sizes, 25-35mm	\$400
NI165	NK012	Capless LI Pedicle screw system – X Link cross connector – Variable	Titanium, lowprofile transverse dual articulation crossconnector	Low profile, Multiple sizes, 37-80mm	\$1,350

NI166	NK013	Spider Cervical Plating System – Spider Plate	Titanium, Anterior Cervical Plate System	22-54mm	\$1,400
NI167	NK014	Spider Cervical Plating System – Spider Plate	Titanium, Anterior Cervical Plate System	56-77mm	\$1,700
NI168	NK015	Capless Li Pedicle screw system – rod	Titanium rod. Straight and pre-bent	Straight and pre-bent, multiple sizes, 40-300mm	\$443

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