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AUGUST 2013 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 2013); and
- the Protheses List will be published 16 August 2013 and is effective 31 August 2013.

It is anticipated that the *Private Health Insurance (Protheses) Rules 2013 (No. 1)* ('the Rules') will be available on the Department's website on 16 August 2013. Please note that the Rules are being registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments (FRLI) with a commencement date of 31 August 2013.

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

The August 2013 Protheses List (Part A) contains the following changes:

- 513 new billing codes (264 for new products, 62 resulting from expansions, 112 resulting from transfers, 62 resulting from compressions and 13 resulting from duplications).
- 670 billing codes have had amendments to one or more of the following: benefit/s, product information text, product groups/subgroups.
- 679 billing codes were deleted

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

The August 2013 Protheses List (Part B) did not have any changes.

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

The August 2013 Protheses List (Part C) did not have any changes.

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