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FEBRUARY 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 (February 2012); and
- the February 2012 Protheses List commences on 3 March 2012.

The *Private Health Insurance (Protheses) Rules 2012 (No. 1)* ('the Rules') are now available on the Department's website. Please note that the Rules have been registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments (FRLI) with a commencement date of 3 March 2012.

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

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

- 1274 new billing codes (411 for new products, 611 resulting from expansions, 150 resulting from transfers, 83 resulting from compressions and 19 resulting from duplications).
- 1352 billing codes have had amendments to one or more of the following: benefit/s, product information text, product groups/subgroups.

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

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

- 38 existing products have had benefit amendments; and
- 4 products have been deleted.

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

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

- 1 new billing code (1 new product).

Conditionally listed products

- Billing code CT016 - the provision of the prothesis is associated with the service described in item 35597 of the general medical services table prescribed under section 4 of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*; and
- Billing code SO041 - a benefit for the provision of this prothesis is payable for a child under 18 years of age.

The February 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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