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## PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE CIRCULAR

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### AUGUST 2009 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 Prosthesis List (August 2009); and
- the August 2009 Prosthesis List commences on 15 August 2009.

The *Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Rules 2009 (No. 2)* ('the Rules') are now available on the Department's website. Please note that the Rules have not yet been registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments ('FRLI'). Until they have been registered on FRLI and commence on 15 August 2009, the Rules do not represent the law. The registration process is currently being undertaken by FRLI and it is expected that the Rules will be registered early next week.

#### Variations from the previous Prosthesis List – Part A (Prostheses)

The August 2009 Prosthesis List (Part A) contains the following changes:

- 804 new billing codes (298 new products, 300 resulting from expansions, 109 resulting from transfers, 30 resulting from compressions and 67 duplications);
- 2,184 billing codes have had amendments to one or more of the following: benefit/s, product information text, product groups/subgroups; and
- 950 billing codes have been removed (655 at sponsor request, 75 compressed, 110 expanded, 109 transferred and 1 that did not meet listing criteria)

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

The August 2009 Prosthesis List (Part B) includes the following changes:

- 2 products have been added;
- 6 products have been deleted; and
- 198 existing products have had benefit and/or product description amendments.

#### Gap permitted products

There are currently 2,122 (22.7%) products with potential gaps in part A of the Prosthesis List. Human tissue prostheses in Part B of the Prosthesis List do not have gap permitted products.

The August 2009 Prosthesis List and associated reports are available on the Department's website:  
<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-privatehealth-prostheseslist.htm>

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