



MEDICARE PROVIDER NUMBER

1. Purpose

1.1 The policy defines the situations:

1.1.1 where ACRRM will support an application to be placed on the Register of Approved Placements, and

1.1.2 when advice will be provided to Services Australia) to remove a doctor from the Register of Approved Placements.

2. Application and scope

1.1. The policy applies to doctors seeking Fellowship of ACRRM, that do not have Specialist Registration as a general practitioner and seek College approval to be placed on the Register of Approved Placements for a Medicare Provider Number.

3. Policy

3.1 A doctor on a Training Pathway can use the Medicare Provider Number granted through the College placement program for the purpose of fulfilling training program requirements and training time.

3.2 A doctor on the Specialist Pathway can use the Medicare Provider Number granted through the College placement program for the purpose of fulfilling requirements detailed in their Learning Plan.

3.3 ACRRM will support an application from a doctor in training to be placed on the Register of Approved Placements while training, providing that:

3.3.1 formal acceptance of a place on the Fellowship Pathway has been received and processed, and

3.3.2 the doctor is working in an accredited Training Post, and/or

3.3.3 the post is approved by the College as a suitable placement for the individual doctor's training and/or learning needs.

3.4 Doctors entering the ACRRM Fellowship Training Program with a Medicare Care Provider Number are required to move from an existing 3GA program to the College placement program.

3.5 Doctors are responsible for ensuring they have a current Medicare Provider Number.

3.6 Doctors subject to Section 19AB of the Health Insurance Act 1973 continue to be subject to the restrictions described in the Mortarium Guidelines.

3.7 ACRRM will not support an application to be placed on the Register of Approved Placements where a registrar:

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- 3.7.1 is not in an approved training placement
- 3.7.2 is on additional leave from the program
- 3.7.3 notifies the college of their intention to withdraw from the Fellowship Pathway.
- 3.8 ACRRM may not support an application to be placed on the Register of Approved Placements and/or send a notification to Department of Health to remove a registrar from the Register of Approved Placements where the registrar refuses to comply with the Training Program policies and/or Specialist Pathway Guidelines.
- 3.9 ACRRM will send a notification to Department of Health to remove a doctor from the Register of Approved Placements:
 - 3.9.1 Within twenty-eight (28) days following a doctor withdrawing or being withdrawn from the Fellowship Pathway
 - 3.9.2 when a doctor has been awarded Fellowship and has applied for a Medicare Provider Number as a General Practitioner.
- 3.10 Doctors appealing a decision made by the College to withdraw them from a Fellowship Pathway:
 - 3.10.1 can continue claiming Medicare Benefits while their Medicare Provider Number remains valid and they remain on the Register of Approved Placements
 - 3.10.2 cannot apply to the College for a Medicare Provider Number extension or for further Medicare Provider Numbers.

4. Related Documentation

- 4.1 ACRRM Fellowship Program Placement Guidelines
- 4.2 ACRRM Withdrawal from Training Policy
- 4.3 ACRRM Reconsideration, Review and Appeals Policy
- 4.4 ACRRM Performance and Progression Policy
- 4.5 ACRRM Specialist Pathway Guidelines
- 4.6 Health Insurance Act 1973

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5. Definitions

Word/Term	Definition (with examples if required)
Accredited Training Post	Includes any facility accredited by the ACRRM to provide training on the ACRRM Fellowship Training Pathways.
Training	Working in an accredited training post.

6. Document Control Management

6.1 Policy information

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