

POLICY

Medicare Provider Number

1. Purpose

The policy defines the situations where ACRRM will support an application for a registrar to be placed on the Services Australia Register of Approved Placements.

2. Application and scope

The policy applies to registrars enrolled in the ACRRM Rural Generalist Fellowship Program, that do not have Specialist Registration as a general practitioner and seek College approval to be placed on the Services Australia Register of Approved Placements for a Medicare Provider Number.

3. Policy

- 3.1 The College will support the registrar's application to be placed on the Register of Approved Placements, providing that they are in an approved placement. The Medicare Provider Number can be used for the purpose of fulfilling the training program requirements and training time.
- 3.2 Registrars with a Medicare Provider Number from an existing alternate 3GA program are required to apply for a separate Medicare Provider number under the ACRRM Rural Generalist Fellowship Program.
- 3.3 Registrars subject to [Section 19AB of the Health Insurance Act 1973](#) continue to be subject to the restrictions described in the [Moratorium Guidelines](#).
- 3.4 The College will not support an application to be placed on Services Australia Register of Approved Placements where a registrar:
 - 3.4.1 is not in an approved training placement
 - 3.4.2 is on leave from the program.
 - 3.4.3 notifies the College of their intention to withdraw from the ACRRM Rural Generalist Fellowship Program.

4. Responsibilities

- 4.1 Registrars are responsible for:
 - 4.1.1 applying for a Medicare Provider number through the College.
 - 4.1.2 ensuring that they adhere to College policies.
 - 4.1.3 ensuring they have a current Medicare Provider Number whilst they are on the ACRRM Rural Generalist Fellowship Program.
 - 4.1.4 notifying the College of their intention to withdraw from the ACRRM Rural Generalist Fellowship Program.
- 4.2 The College is responsible for:
 - 4.2.1 Providing a process to receive and process Medicare Provider numbers from the registrar to Services Australia
 - 4.2.2 Processing Medicare Provider Number applications on behalf of the registrar
 - 4.2.3 Withdrawing Medicare Provider Numbers as required
 - 4.2.4 Maintaining awareness of any changes to Medicare Provider Numbers or the application process and informing registrars accordingly

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5. Related Documentation

- [ACRRM Training Placement Policy](#)
- [ACRRM Withdrawal from Training Policy](#)
- [ACRRM Reconsideration, Review and Appeals Policy](#)
- [ACRRM Performance and Progression Policy](#)
- [Health Insurance Act 1973](#)

6. Document Control Management

6.1 Policy information

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