

Assignment of Benefit changes

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On 1 July 2026, new Medicare Assignment of Benefit (AOB) requirements come into effect and these changes impact the process by which a patient gives consent, or “assigns”, their Medicare benefit to the doctor or health fund. The aim is to replace old paper-heavy processes with more electronic options, improve transparency for patients and strengthen Medicare integrity.

To learn more, see the [Department of Health FAQ](#).

Bulk Billing

To comply with these changes, doctors should use Zedmed's electronic [Bulk Billing consent form](#). This form will be updated to better align with the Assignment of Benefit changes, but is compliant in its current form.

To learn more, see the [Department of Health guidance](#).

Eclipse

To comply with the changes, Zedmed's ECLIPSE billing will require selecting either Implied Assignment or Requested Assignment when submitting a claim. This update will be available in Zedmed v39.4.

Implied Assignment

An insurer arrangement applies to the service (e.g., gap cover agreements or MPPAs, etc.). This is an automatic assignment of the Medicare benefit to a private health insurer or approved billing agent. No explicit patient signature or request is required.

Requested Assignment

A health fund arrangement does not apply to the service (e.g., contracts relating to hospital accommodation, theatre fees, etc., but not medical services). A manual assignment request by the patient facilitated by the medical provider, hospital or organisation.

Eclipse

Payer: HCF Value: \$120.55 Fund: HCF

Claim Type

- IMC Agreements
- IMC Schemes
- IMC Patient Claims
- IMC Private Hospital
- IMC Public Hospital

Hospital

Admission:

Discharge:

Other

Financial Consent:

Disclosed Financial Interest:

Compensation Claim:

Accident Ind:

Sender Contact Details

This is optional in case of clarification about claim details be required.

Sender Contact: Phone:

Assignment Of Benefits

Implied Requested

Ok Cancel

To learn more, see the [Department of Health, Disability and Aging guidance](#)