Summary of Changes

	What's changed	How Does it work	Exceptions
19AB	6 month extension for all doctors who have an expiring individual section 19AB exemption (e.g. locum exemption)	 Health will automatically grant extensions to doctors expiring in the next month. The doctor does not need to submit a Medicare provider number application. Extensions will be granted for a period of 6 months. Section 19AB exemptions will be sent to Services Australia to be processed. Doctors will be notified by email/letter. 	- Doctors working in Distribution Priority Areas (DPA) or Districts of Workforce Shortages (DWS) have been granted ongoing section 19AB exemptions with no end date and will not need an extension to continue to provide services to the community.
SAPP RLRP MDRAP AMDS	 6 month extension for doctors who hold a current 3GA placement. Extensions will not count towards program participation maximum. 	 Health will automatically grant extensions to doctors expiring in the next month. The doctor does not need to submit an application for the program or a Medicare provider number. Extensions will be granted for a period of 6 months. Placements will be sent to Services Australia to be processed. Doctors will be notified by email/letter. 	 Doctors who are reaching the maximum participation period of their 3GA program (within 6 months) will be reviewed before a 6 month extension is granted. A doctor's prior 3GA program participation and progress to fellowship (including exam history) will be considered. Doctors who are not granted a 6 month extension will be notified by email/letter.
3GA SAPP	 Program requirements will be suspended for 6 months to provide continuity of care to the community. Extensions will not count towards program participation maximum. 	 All program milestones will be suspended for 6 months. Doctors will not need to complete fellowship exams or apply to college led fellowship programs. 	 Doctors who are reaching the maximum participation period of 2 years (within 6 months) will be reviewed before a 6 month extension is granted. Doctors granted a placement for extenuating circumstances have a maximum participation period of up to 5 years. A doctor's prior 3GA program participation and progress to fellowship (including exam history) will be considered. Doctors who are not granted a 6 month extension will be notified by email/letter.
19AA RLRP	 Program requirements will be suspended for 6 months to provide continuity of care to the community. Extensions will not count towards program participation maximum. 	- All program milestones will be suspended for 6 months. Doctors will not need to complete education, fellowship exams or apply to college led fellowship programs.	 Doctors who are reaching the maximum participation period of 4 years (within 6 months) will be reviewed before a 6 month extension is granted. A doctor's prior 3GA program participation and progress to fellowship (including exam history) will be considered. Doctors who are not granted a 6 month extension will be notified by email/letter.
3GA MDRAP	Program requirements will be suspended for 6 months to provide continuity of care to the community.	- All program milestones will be suspended for 6 months. Doctors will not need to complete education, fellowship exams or apply to college led fellowship programs.	The MDRAP was implemented on 29 April 2019, no participants have reached the maximum participation period.
3GA AMDS	Program requirements will be suspended for 6 months to provide continuity of care to the community. Advanced Life Support Evidence of ALS re-certification will be waived for 6 months. Accreditation A 6 month extension to the Deed will be granted to AMDS services providers.	 Doctors All program milestones will be suspended for 6 months. Doctors will not need to complete fellowship exams or apply to college led fellowship programs. Advanced Life Support All extensions will be granted without evidence of ALS certification required. For new placements, while it is desirable that an AMDS doctor has a current ALS, this may not be possible. Non-current ALS will be acceptable during this time. If no ALS or GPE has been undertaken, an application will still be considered and will depend on experience and previous placements etc. 	 Doctors who are reaching the maximum participation period of 10 years (within 6 months) will be reviewed before a 6 month extension is granted. A doctor's prior 3GA program participation and progress to fellowship (including exam history) will be considered. Doctors who are not granted a 6 month extension will be notified by email/letter.
		Accreditation The requirement to provide evidence of re-accreditation will be waived for 6 months.	