

COVID-19 MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS

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This programme is available to practices to apply for a medical exemption on behalf of the patient.

Eligibility:

- Exemptions are limited to situations where a suitable alternative to the COVID-19 vaccine is not readily available for the patient.
- Exemptions are for a specified time, reflecting, for example, recovery from clinical conditions or the availability of alternate vaccines.
- It is likely that most patients who are not medically exempt can be safely vaccinated, with some requiring extra precautions.
- The application may only be on the grounds that the person meets the specified exemption criteria.

The application is submitted to the temporary medical exemptions panel run by the Ministry of Health. The Temporary Medical Exemptions panel includes medical and

Please refer to the Ministry of Health [website](#) for detailed clinical criteria.

Claiming:

- Claiming is via the WellSouth PHN portal
- no claim for a GMS clawback
- no simultaneous claim against any other funding stream for this service.
- no charge/patient co-payment for this service, including issuing a prescription if required

COVID-19	
	New Assessment
	New Third Dose Consult For Immunocompromised Patients
	Vaccine Adverse Event Assessment
	New Medical Exemption Consult
	New AstraZeneca Consult

- Service codes for your PMS—please set these up prior to using the programme

Code	Amount	Description
COVECP	\$138.00	COV Exmp Complex
COVESM	\$69.00	COV Exmp Simple

- Programme payment rates are:

\$60.00 +GST (COVID-19 Exemption Simple)

\$120.00 +GST (COVID-19 Exemption Complex)