

Extended Primary Care- Allocation Principles and Redistribution Process

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Allocation Principles

1. All General Practices, with a back-to-back agreement with WellSouth will receive an allocation.
2. Base Allocation Model. Allocations are based on Enrolled Service Users (ESU), with additional weightings to reflect patient demographics and rurality.

Demographic	Weighting
Māori	1.5
Pacific	1.5
Community Services Card holder	1.5
Rural practice A <i>Person enrolled at practice deemed rural using Geographical Classification of Health of practice's location and < 90 minutes from any hospital</i>	2.0
Rural practice B (in addition to Rural A) <i>Person enrolled at practice deemed rural using Geographical Classification of Health of practice's location and > 90 minutes from any hospital</i>	2.0
Under 14 years	1.5
Over 65 years	1.5

3. The process for redistribution of unused allocations will be transparent (see below).
4. Annual base allocation amounts will be transparent and distributed quarterly. Annual base allocation is conditional on use of the programme each quarter.
5. A 'minimum allocation' will be applied to providers whose base allocation would be too small to be useful. (i.e. the 'minimum allocation per quarter will be \$1,000 GST inclusive)

Redistribution of Unused Funds

At the end of each quarter, utilisation of allocations will be analysed.

- When: 15 days before the end of each quarter (or next business day).
- Cut-off: Practices must submit claims by 16 days before the end of the quarter to be included in the analysis.

Utilisation per quarter	What happens the following quarter
0%	Unused funds roll over only
1–40%	Roll over + top-up to full quarterly allocation (minimum total \$1,000)
41%+	Roll over + full quarterly allocation + share of leftover funds

Definitions:

Unused funds = a practices' leftover allocation from the current quarter

Roll over = a practices' allocation from the current quarter rolled over to the following quarter

Base allocation = a practices' annual allocation split into a quarterly amount.

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