

Fee Increase Exception Form 2026/27

Under the 2026/27 Stable Fees Policy, practices are generally not permitted to increase standard GP consultation fees. However, Health NZ has established an exception process for practices that can demonstrate that maintaining current fees would have a significant impact on the sustainability of their services.

Any practice seeking an exception to the 2026/27 Stable Fees Policy to increase patient fees must notify WellSouth and submit their application via this form.

Please return the completed form to practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz.

Practice Name: _____

Proposed Effective Date for New Fees: _____

‘Pay on the Day’ Standard Consult Fees		
	Current Notified Co-Payment Fee	Proposed New Co-Payment Fee
Under 6 Years*	\$0.00	\$0.00
6-13 Years*	\$0.00	\$0.00
14-17 Years		
18-24 Years		
25-44 Years		
45-64 Years		
65 Years & Over		

*The practice undertakes not to charge a co-payment for patients under 14 years old who opt into the increased subsidy scheme.

NB: “Pay on the Day” fee refers to a Standard General Practitioner Consultation Fee for First Level Services within Regular Hours, and:

- i) includes any normal tests or examinations carried out as part of that consultation; and
- ii) is the fee that the patient would pay if he or she paid on the date on which the consultation occurred **before discounts or surcharges.**

e.g. Practice A has received approval to charge their 18+ year old patients \$50 as their standard GP consultation fee. This means if they want to provide a patient with a discount for paying on the day, the discounted price would be \$45. Practice A cannot advertise their fees as \$55 with a \$5 discount for on the day.

New Advertised CSC Fees		
	Current CSC Fees	Proposed New CSC Fees
14-17 Years (max \$13.50)		
18 Years & Over (max \$20.00)		

Practices currently charging CSC fees below the maximum contracted rates are able to increase their fees up to the relevant cap (as outlined above) as part of the 2026/27 arrangements. These increases do not require an exception application to Health NZ.

It is a contractual requirement that General Practices “display a list of their charges to Service Users in a place where Service Users can readily see the charges”.

Please confirm that your fees are clearly displayed for public viewing: Yes No

Is your practice currently accepting new enrolments from new patients? Yes No

If there are conditions for accepting new patients, please specify below:
