



Community Cellulitis

A programme by **WellSouth**

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Intended Purpose

The Community Cellulitis Programme allows practices to claim for the care of those with mild to moderate cellulitis who can be treated with oral antibiotics in the community. This programme supports equitable access to healthcare across the region and the provision of the right care in the right place at the right time.

HealthPathways Link:	Cellulitis in Adults https://southern.communityhealthpathways.org/21918.htm
	Cellulitis in Children https://southern.communityhealthpathways.org/165525.htm

Eligibility

Children and adults who:

- Present with cellulitis which can be safely managed in the community
- Are eligible for NZ funded healthcare
- Are permanently residing in the Southern [Region](#)

Exclusions

- ACC related cellulitis
- Cellulitis requiring IV treatment
- Patients requiring hospital admission for cellulitis

Key Information

This funding provides for follow up care. The initial consultation is considered normal primary care and is not funded.

The initial presentation may be an acute presentation initiated by the patient, a referral from a secondary service or from another primary and community care provider.

There are two funding pathways for this programme, Reactive and Proactive. [See the pathway diagram below for more details](#)

No consumable costs to be charged on funded consults (e.g wound dressings).

Claiming

Claiming is via the WellSouth PHN portal.

Cellulitis Package of Care	New Claim	Patient must meet eligibility criteria
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Service codes for your PMS

Please set these up prior to using the programme.

Code	Amount (incl. GST)	Description
WPCFU1	\$44.85	Planned follow up (Proactive patient stream)
WPCFU2	\$109.25	Subsequent follow up (Proactive & Reactive patient streams)

\$39.00 + GST Planned follow up (Proactive patient stream)

\$95.00 + GST Subsequent follow ups (Proactive and Reactive patient streams)

Can a co-payment be charged?

No co-payments to be charged on funded consults.

When does the claim need to be completed?

Claiming must be completed within 2 months of treatment.

If your PMS is aligned to the WellSouth Clinical BCTIs, please contact practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz with your new Account Internal ID.

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