

# 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](mailto:practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz) with your new Account Internal ID.

For further information regarding this programme please contact [practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz](mailto:practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz) or your Practice Partner.

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Initial Consultation: Patient presents with cellulitis to primary care provider and assessed as suitable for oral antibiotics care  
See Healthpathways

Adults: <https://southern.communityhealthpathways.org/21918.htm>

Child: <https://southern.communityhealthpathways.org/165525.htm>

Patient advised to book a follow up appointment if symptoms worsen

**Patient pays for consultation**

## Reactive Pathway

If patient returns in 24-48hrs with persistent/worsening symptoms.

**Patient pays for consultation**

If patient requires further review

**Submit Cellulitis New Claim / Follow-up Claim form,  
Select Reactive Pathway: Funded \$109.25 inc. GST**

## Proactive Pathway

Including:

- Maori & Pacific ethnicity, CSC holder
- Symptomatic PVD
- Symptomatic or clinically overt venous insufficiency
- Obesity BMI>40
- Recurrent cellulitis (2 or more episodes in 12 mths).

First follow up: Phone call with nurse in 72hrs  
**Submit Cellulitis New Claim / Follow-up Claim form,  
Select Proactive Pathway: Funded \$44.85 inc. GST**

If no improvement at the first follow-up patient has an in person GP/NP assessment & escalation as required

**Submit Cellulitis Subsequent Follow-up Claim form.  
Funded \$109.25 inc. GST**

Subsequent follow up visits for 7 days from the date of the initial consultation  
**For each subsequent follow-up visit submit Cellulitis Subsequent Follow-up Claim form.  
Funded \$109.25 inc. GST**