



WellSouth Hardship Fund Reminder

This programme provides limited funding to support enrolled and unenrolled patients facing financial hardship and in clinical need to access primary care that they otherwise couldn't afford. Practices/providers have the discretion to allocate this funding as they see fit, subject to these conditions.

Eligibility:

- Patient has financial barriers that are preventing access to primary healthcare
AND
- has clinical need
AND
- is eligible for New Zealand-funded healthcare

Exclusions:

- For existing debt
- For secondary or dental care
- For any patient residing permanently in an aged residential care (ARC) facility
- If other government funding streams are available

Examples how the Hardship Fund has been utilized so far:

Cervical Screening not funded

Multiple visits in a short time frame

Patient didn't qualify for iron infusion funding

INR patient required several checks within a 1-week period

Extended consult could not afford the double consult fee

Could not afford consult and tests including ECG required for pre-op

Join us for chat about the Hardship Fund and how it can work for your practice:

WellSouth is hosting two one hour drop-in sessions to give practices the opportunity to discuss:

- how practices utilize the fund
- learn more ways it can be utilized
- ask any questions relating to the fund

Links for these sessions:

16th September 10:30am-11:30am

Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 485 873 817 955 2

Passcode: 6yx6to6G

18th September 12pm-1pm

Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 466 315 940 164 7

Passcode: 9bF7k6Zs

NB: if you have any queries regarding the Hardship Fund, you can contact your Practice Relationship Manager