

16 March 2023

To Chief Executives, all PHOs
General Manager, Royal New Zealand College of Urgent Care

Extension to Funded Consultations for those Displaced by Cyclone Gabrielle

On 25 February 2023, we wrote to you advising of funded consultations for people displaced by Cyclone Gabrielle. In the February letter, we advised that Te Whatu Ora will fully fund the cost of standard casual consultations in general practice, after hours, accident and medical and urgent care for people whose primary residence is in Te Tai Tokerau - Northland, Te Matau a Māui - Hawkes Bay, and Tairāwhiti - Gisborne regions, and who seek casual consultations because they have been displaced. This will continue to be in place until 19 March 2023.

We have connected with local teams and reviewed the requirements for post 19 March 2023. I am pleased to advise that Te Whatu Ora will continue to fund the cost of casual consultations for people who are displaced within and from Northland, Hawkes Bay, Tairāwhiti, as well as Tararua and Coromandel until midnight 10 April 2023. People in small communities who are cut off or isolated in Hawkes Bay will also be covered. This includes funding for consults in general practice, accident and medical, after hours and urgent care, so they can be waived for those displaced.

Displaced means people who cannot live in their usual home or residence.

Over this period, GMS claims (and consequent clawbacks) will not apply for residents displaced by Cyclone Gabrielle.

We acknowledge that general practices and clinics set their own fees and these fees vary between providers. Te Whatu Ora will fund the provider's standard casual consultation fee.

Invoicing

General practices, accident and medical, after hours and urgent care clinics that have existing relationships with a PHO should send invoices to their PHO. The PHO will subsequently send an invoice to us at primary.care@health.govt.nz for reimbursement.

For accident and medical and urgent care clinics that do not have an existing relationship with a PHO, please invoice us directly at primary.care@health.govt.nz.

Please include the patient's NHI number and date of consultation on any invoices.

If you have any queries, please email us at primary.care@health.govt.nz.

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