

COPD DISCHARGE

WellSouth has a suite of Primary Options for Care (POC). POC are designed to either prevent a hospital admission or offer the patient a service which is normally provided in a hospital, at a General Practice. This may be at the patients usual General Practice or at another nearby practice.

This programme is to support patients following a hospital admission for COPD, with the aim of preventing readmission. Using a targeted review process, the clinician can discuss with the patient how they are managing post discharge, identify and act on any issues especially those which could escalate and result in the patient needing a readmission.

Process:

- Prior from discharge from hospital, the discharge nurse or discharge coordinator will contact the patients usual General Practice to arrange a follow-up appointment. **This appointment is expected to occur within 14 days of discharge.**
- Please ensure admin in your practice who make appointments are familiar with the process, and also they note in the appointment template that this is a COPD discharge appointment. **Please ensure they clearly record the phone call, as appointments are only eligible if they have been made by the hospital as part of the COPD discharge process**
- Patient attends appointment— suggest using a reminder to the patient using your practices usual method of reminder.

- The general practice appointment can occur with the nurse or GP.
- Clinician reviews the patient following the prompts in the portal, these prompts are based on the DHB's COPD discharge checklist which is available in the patients discharge summary.

Claiming

- Claiming is via the WellSouth PHN portal

COPD Hospital Discharge

New Review

- This is for one appointment. Further follow ups if deemed necessary are not covered under this programme. Consider the patient for a CHA under the CLIC programme if not already on the programme.
- Service codes for your PMS— please set these up prior to using the programme

Code	Amount	Description
WPHODI	\$69.00	COPD Hospital Discharge

- Programme payment rates are:
\$60.00 +GST
(No charge to the patient)