

WELLSOUTH FUNDED PROGRAMMES: FUNDING STREAMS FOR YOUR PATIENTS

GENERAL RULES:

- ✗ NO PATIENT CO-PAYMENTS
- ✗ NO CLAIMS >2 MONTHS POST-CONSULT

- ✓ PATIENTS MUST BE ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLICLY FUNDED NZ HEALTHCARE
- ✓ PATIENTS MUST BE ENROLLED WITH WELLSOUTH PHO
- ✓ "HIGH NEEDS" = MĀORI, PACIFIC, OR Q5
- ⚠ ALL GENERAL RULES APPLY UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE

FURTHER DETAILS:

• FOR FULL PROGRAMME DETAILS VISIT: [WELLSOUTH.NZ](https://wellsouth.nz) > [PROVIDER ACCESS > FUNDED PROGRAMMES SUMMARY](#)

• FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz

✓ ALL FIGURES ARE GST INCLUSIVE

LONG-TERM CONDITION MANAGEMENT

Cardiovascular Risk Assessment (CVDRA)

Eligibility:

- Māori, Pacific, South Asian (Men 30–74 | Women 40–74)
- All other ethnicities: CSC, HUHC or Q5 (Men 45–74 | Women 55–74)
- Severe Mental Illness (Age 25+): Schizophrenia, major depression, bipolar, schizoaffective.

Extended Eligibility: Previous risk <15% (5 years or more ago) **OR** >15% (2 years or more ago).

Funding: \$54.63 | Nonfunded CVDRA still available for ineligible patients.

Cardiovascular Management

Eligibility: CVDRA of >15% at initial funded assessment.

Exclusions: Nonfunded CVDRA.

Funding: \$46.00

Diabetes Annual Review (DAR)

Eligibility: All patients with diabetes

Exclusions: Pre-diabetes or had a DAR completed <11 months ago.

Funding: \$53.20 | \$60.38 - Māori/Pacific

Diabetes Insulin Initiation

Eligibility: Type 2 | Age ≥18 | 2x HbA1c >64 mmol/mol | On & compliant with oral meds

Exclusions: Not medication compliant.

Funding: \$472.49 - Registration

Diabetes Medication Transition

Supports transition to empagliflozin, dulaglutide, or liraglutide.

Eligibility: Type 2 | Māori, Pacific, or CSC holder | Eligible for 1 of the 3 meds

Exclusions: Not eligible for listed meds.

Funding: \$69.00 - Initial Consult | \$46.00 - Follow Up

Long-Term Conditions (LTC) Support - Toitū Takata

Eligibility:

- High Needs patients, Former Refugee (FR), CSC, HUHC, newly diagnosed LTC (last 6 months), **AND** has CVD, respiratory, diabetes, gout, stroke, other LTC, **OR**
- Severe/enduring mental illness or addiction.

Exclusions: Under 14 | Funded Palliative Care | Hāpai Atū claim same day.

Funding: \$345.00 - Māori, Pacific, FR, or Severe/Enduring Mental Illness

\$287.50 - Q5, CSC, HUHC, Newly Diagnosed | \$50.67 - Review

Focused Care - Hāpai Atū (Formerly QuickCLIC)

6-month support for LTC flare-ups or acute mental distress | Includes care plan & review.

Eligibility: Acute LTC episode or acute mental distress (no existing MH diagnosis)

Exclusions: Hāpai Atū claim <12 months | Toitū Takata claim same day.

Funding: \$115.00 - Assessment | \$69.00 - Review & Exit

Hepatitis C Treatment - Maviret

Eligibility: Positive HCV + Viral load

Exclusions: Cirrhosis | Hep B or HIV co-infection | Not for follow ups

Funding: \$118.48

Rheumatic Fever (RF) Management

Supports ongoing prophylactic antibiotics for confirmed RF.

Eligibility: Diagnosed by a specialist & requires long-term antibiotics.

Note: Patients from outside the WellSouth district can claim for this programme.

Exclusions: History of RF with no current antibiotic need.

Funding: \$55.23 | Must be registered on the portal before claim can be made.

SEXUAL HEALTH

Sexual Health Programme

Eligibility:

- High Needs patients, CSC, HUHC and aged ≤50
- Non-High Needs aged ≤22 enrolled outside Dunedin/Invercargill.

Exclusions: Patient is not enrolled with the practice | Non-sexual health presentation

Funding: \$65.55 | Max 2 visits per 12-month period

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Focused Care - Hāpai Atū

6-month support for acute mental distress | Includes care plan & review.

Eligibility: Acute mental distress (no existing MH diagnosis).

Exclusions: Hāpai Atū claim <12 months | Toitū Takata claim same day.

Funding: \$115.00 - Assessment | \$69.00 - Review & Exit

SCREENING

Bowel Screening

Eligibility: Aged 58-74 with a positive FIT result obtained via the National Screening Programme.

Exclusions: Bowel cancer history | Colonoscopy in last 5 yrs | On surveillance (e.g. IBD, polyps)

| Experiencing symptoms outside of screening programme | Results from over-the-counter kits.

Funding: \$81.10 | Must claim within 10 days of reported results.

HPV Primary Screening

Eligibility:

- Māori, Pacific, CSC holder, aged 25-69 and due for routine screening.
- Unscreened (never screened) or under-screened (5+ years ago), aged 30-74.
- Anyone requiring follow up screening.

Note: It is the clinician's responsibility to check eligibility before offering screening.

Funding: \$59.22 - Routine/Unscreened/Under-screened

\$71.07 - Māori/Pacific Unscreened/Under-screened | \$85.28 - Follow Up

ACUTE CARE

Extended Primary Care (EPC)

Eligibility: Acute issue needing intervention to prevent acute referral to hospital (*Acute Care*).

Rural practice patients requiring clinical care whilst awaiting hospital transfer (*Rural Stabilisation*).

Exclusions: Non-urgent care, unstable pts (except rural stabilisation), ACC, already contracted services (e.g. maternity), IV antibiotic treatment for Cellulitis.

Funding: Via quarterly allocation, refer to the funded programme sheet for time-based payment rates. | Acute care follow ups must be submitted within 5 days of initial claims.

Note: Co-payment for the initial consult can be charged | May cover unenrolled patients at the practice's discretion.

COPD Hospital Discharge

Eligibility: Discharged from hospital for COPD admission. Appointment must be made by the discharging team, or WellSouth Call Centre and occur within 14 days of discharge.

Funding: \$81.10 - Post-discharge Review (GP/NP/RN)

URGENT FINANCIAL NEED

Hardship Fund

Eligibility: Financial need preventing access to care and a clinical need.

Exclusions: Debt | Secondary/Dental care | ARC Residents | If other govt funding is available.

Funding: Practice's discretion from the one-off lump sum funding (no top-ups available)

Note: May support consults, scripts, tests, transport, repeat visits, etc.

Can be used alongside other WS programme funding, if appropriate. | Co-payments allowed.

Voucher Programme

Eligibility: Available for anyone in urgent need of a consult who cannot pay and are enrolled with WellSouth or unenrolled but residing in the WellSouth area (to support enrolment).

Exclusions: Used in last 6 months | Med Certs | Debt | Visitors

Funding Up To: \$60.00 - Un/Enrolled Non-CSC (Aged 14-17) | \$67.00 - Un/Enrolled Non-CSC (18+) | \$13.50 - Enrolled w/CSC (14-17) | \$20.00 Enrolled w/CSC (18+)

Note: Funding amount based on consult fee | Non-CSC holders may be charged the remainder.

OTHER PROGRAMMES

Advance Care Plan (ACP)

Eligibility: Māori, Pacific, Former Refugee (any age) or all other ethnicities (aged 60+).

Exclusions: Only one claim per patient, ever.

Funding: \$115.00 | For first ACP only | Submit claim when plan is completed in HealthOne.

Former Refugee (FR) Subsidy

For registered patients in the Dunedin/Invercargill area during their first 3 years post-resettlement.

Funding: \$193.20 - Initial | Up to \$96.60 - Ongoing Visits (during the 3 year period).

IV Iron Infusion

Eligibility: Symptomatic iron deficiency anaemia, or chronic heart failure, IBD, CKD, postpartum, or maternity (Trimester 2–3 only).

Exclusions: Maternity Trimester 1 | Patient weight <35kg

Funding: \$143.75 | *Strict eligibility criteria – check full programme sheet before offering**

Palliative Care

Eligibility: Enrolled patient with a terminal condition and life expectancy ≤3 months.

Exclusions: Residing in or transferred to ARC | Previously claimed palliative care.

Funding: \$230.00 - Registration | \$287.50 - Final Claim (due within 2 months of death or expiry).

Zoledronic Acid Infusion

Eligibility: High Needs patient or CSC holder **AND** Osteoporosis **OR** Paget's Disease

Exclusions: 1 claim per patient in 12 months | Max 3 infusions in the past 5 years.

Funding: \$143.75

SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMMES

ACC General Practice Referred MRI

Referrers: GP/NP in WellSouth practices who've completed ACC approved MRI training.

Eligibility: Age 16+ | Approved ACC claim <6 months old | Consented | Meets clinical criteria

Exclusions: Patients with claims managed by Accredited Employers.

Note: Can charge ACC co-payment for initial consult & referral.

Funding: \$186.38 - Post-MRI consult & claim (must occur within 7–14 days of report).

GPSI Skin Lesion Excision

Referrals - All Practices:

- Eligibility: Suspected skin cancer (green area of Skin Lesion Triage Table on Health Pathways).
- Exclusions: Wide excisions | Lesions where cancer is not suspected.
- Note: All referrals must be sent via the WS portal for triage with 2 photos (close-up & location). Co-payment allowed for referral consult.

Excision - Approved Providers Only:

- Exclusions: Retrospective claims post excision will be declined.
- Note: No co-payments for excision, pre-op, sutures, or follow-up appointments.
- Funding: \$375.00 - Standard | \$580.00 - Complex
- \$670.00 - Extremely Complex

Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC)

Providers: GP/NP or Registered Nurse who has undertaken training via an approved programme.

Eligibility:

- Insertions: High Needs patients or CSC holders, and aged <52 **OR** post-termination (past 6 months) and aged <52.
- Removals: High Needs patients or CSC holders, any age.

Exclusions: Bleeding management without contraceptive need.

Funding: \$142.19 - Jadelle Insertion | \$184.00 - Jadelle Removal | \$172.50 - IUD Insertion

\$69.00 - IUD Removal

Pipelle Biopsy

Eligibility: Heavy menstrual bleeding, intermenstrual bleeding, post-menopausal bleeding, or endometrial cells on smear.

Exclusions: Only available to selected clinicians who are approved to provide this service.

Funding: \$241.90 - Pipelle Biopsy | \$326.65 - Pipelle with Follow Up (Positive Result)

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