

Important information for General Practice – primary care initiatives



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ACC-related changes to general practice rates

Hello,

On 1 December ACC will increase the amount it contributes to injury-related consultations for some patients.

This is to encourage general practices to increase the age of free visits for children from under-13 to under 14-year-olds, and provide low-cost visits for Community Service Card holders. There is also a general inflation increase of 1.56%.

To ensure you're billing us at the right rates, please familiarise yourself with the enclosed new contribution rates and codes. Use these for invoicing us from 1 December. The new rates are also available on our website.

How this affects you

Practice management system (PMS) vendors already have the details of the changes to update their systems before they come into effect on 1 December 2018.

If you use a practice management system, the updates will be made available to you automatically or to upload yourself. This means you'll be able to bill for services at the new rates when you update your system.

It's important that you do this before 1 December 2018, so that the new codes are available to you. If you don't use a practice management system you can continue to invoice us for services as you do now, using the new codes and rates from 1 December.

How can I get more information?

You can call the Provider Helpline on **0800 222 070** or contact us via email cotr2018@acc.co.nz.

Yours sincerely,

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