

COVID-19 FAST FACTS 7 MAY



COVID-19 POAC Reimbursement Fees

A Medinz message was sent out this morning with an updated fee schedule - an additional virtual assessment \$60.00 claim has been added to POAC COVID-19 testing and management reimbursement fee.

This covers an initial virtual assessment and referral for a swab if indicated and a virtual follow up by phone/text/e-consult or in person within 3 days if required.

Reimbursement fees for COVID-19 claims through POAC cover a package of care and as part of this, an e-Notification form must be completed and submitted for each patient episode. Patients should **not** be charged for COVID-19 consults. A summary of the fees is attached.

The Mendiz message is as follows:

On 23 April, the Ministry of Health advised that funding for virtual COVID-19 assessment consultations would be updated to a standard fee of \$60 for primary care. The eNotification form has been updated to reflect this change. When completing the eNotification form:

1. General practices and designated practices will be asked to indicate the type of assessment they have provided: virtual (\$60), simple (\$120) or full (\$250). See attached an outline of the service expectations and associated fees.
2. CBACs (Community Based Assessment Centres) will continue to be asked to indicate the type of assessment provided – either simple or full.

We are aware that COVID-19 POAC funding claims are still in the pipeline, due to DHB and POAC contracting arrangements being finalised and POAC will be in a position to pay out next week.

Designated Practices - Updated Information

As you know, it is vital that patients with potential COVID-19 infection are kept separate from others within general practice settings.

Practices are encouraged to check all people who make contact (whether virtually or in-person) for COVID-19 symptoms. If a practice is not confident about keeping people suspected to have COVID-19 separate from others, they should refer to either a Designated Practice or CBAC (Community Based Assessment Centre).

Designated Practices require referrals from other practices. The attached list provides information regarding this, along with the referral process preferred – please familiarise yourself with these so that Designated Practices do not receive inappropriate referrals.

All CBACs accept referrals. There will be no charge to the patient for COVID-19 related care delivered at either a CBAC or Designated Practice.

Before referring a patient, please remember to:

- Complete eNotification with relevant clinical details
- Notify the designated practice as per referral instructions attached.

[Designated Practices - Metro Auckland 4 May.pdf](#) [417.5 KB]

Information from DHB departments about their COVID-19 responses

Please see the 'specific service information' section of the [COVID-19 Impact on Local Services HealthPathway](#) for information from many DHB services about their response to COVID-19. The information is regularly updated in response to the evolving COVID-19 situation.

For further information email: helen.liley@middlemore.co.nz or press the feedback button via HealthPathways.

COVID-19 Webinar

Date: Tuesday, 12 May 2020

Time: 7.30pm

Hosted by: College President Dr Sam Murton and Medical Director Dr Betty

Guest speaker: Professor Michael Baker from the Department of Public Health at Otago University.

Registration: **Click here to register for the webinar**