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Kia ora koutou

Increase to primary maternity fees for rural and complex care modules

On 22 September 2020 the Director-General of Health approved publication of the amended Primary Maternity Service Notice 2007.

The draft amendment increases fees for 12 modules of care for rural and complex cases. These increases recognise the additional time some LMCs spend travelling to provide services to women in rural locations, and the care LMCs provide for complex cases in the third trimester. These uplifts have been put in place now to recognise the work while the process of consulting on the wider changes Notice takes place. It is expected that these will be superseded by changes made as a result of that consultation process. More information about that consultation can be found on the Ministry's website (www.health.govt.nz).

Please refer to Appendix 1 for the list of modules affected and for the full draft Amendment Notice and new draft fee schedule.

The Ministry will publish the final Amendment Notice relating to these uplifts in the New Zealand Gazette and on the Ministry's website on 28 September 2020.

There are no changes to other parts of the Primary Maternity Service Notice 2007 at this stage. Parts A, B, C, D and Schedule 2 of the Notice remain the same and continues to be applicable.

This increase is separate from and in addition to the 2.18 percent fee increase for all LMC and Non-LMC modules that came into effect from 1 July 2020.

The application of the new fees to claims is determined by the date of service. The date of service is the last date of the period to which the module of service applies. Claims with service dates on or after 1 July 2020 will be paid the increased fees as per the Amendment Notice.

If you have any queries about this Amendment Notice and the implementation process, please email primarymaternity@health.govt.nz or call 0800 855 066 (select Option 2 when prompted).

Yours sincerely



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Appendix 1

Modules Affected

Schedule 1

LMC Third Trimester Full

LMC Third Trimester First Partial

LMC Third Trimester Last Partial

LMC Semi Rural Full

LMC Semi Rural First Partial

LMC Semi Rural Last Partial

LMC Rural Full

LMC Rural First Partial

LMC Rural Last Partial

LMC Remote Rural Full

LMC Remote Rural First Partial

LMC Remote Rural Last Partial

Primary Maternity Services Amendment Notice (No. 2) 2020

Pursuant to section 88 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000, the Crown issues the following notice.

Notice

1. Title—

(1) This notice is the Primary Maternity Services Amendment Notice (No. 2) 2020.

(2) This notice amends the Primary Maternity Services Notice 2007 (“Principal Notice”), published in the New Zealand Gazette, 13 April 2007, No. 41, page 1025.

2. Commencement— This notice comes into force on 1 October 2020.

3. Amendment to Schedule 1— The Principal Notice is amended by revoking Schedule 1 and substituting the new Schedule 1 set out in the Schedule to this notice.

4. Revocation— The following notice is revoked:

- a. The Primary Maternity Services Amendment Notice 2020, which was published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, 29 June 2020, Notice Number **2020-go2803** and became effective from 1 July 2020.

5. Implementation date— For the purposes of clause A12 of the Principal Notice, the implementation date for this notice is 1 July 2020.

Dated 22 September 2020

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Schedule
Schedule 1: Fees

1	Maternity LMC Antenatal Services (WM1007)	Fees (GST Excl)			
(1)	first and second trimester:		(3)	rural travel:	
	(a) full fee	398.50	(a)	semi rural:	
	(b) first partial fee	227.50	(i)	full fee	343.50
	(c) last partial fee	162.50	(ii)	first partial fee	168.50
(2)	third trimester:		(iii)	last partial fee	168.50
	(a) full fee	580.00	(b)	rural:	
	(b) first partial fee	230.00	(i)	full fee	517.50
	(c) last partial fee	350.00	(ii)	first partial fee	251.50
			(iii)	last partial fee	251.50
2	Maternity LMC Labour and Birth Services (WM1008)	Fees (GST Excl)	(c)	remote rural:	
(1)	labour and birth:		(i)	full fee	918.00
	(a) first birth	1445.50	(ii)	first partial fee	450.00
	(b) VBAC	1445.50	(iii)	last partial fee	450.00
	(c) subsequent birth	1133.50	4	Maternity Non-LMC Services (WM1000)	Fees (GST Excl)
(2)	labour and birth if a general practitioner or obstetrician has used hospital midwifery services:		(1)	first trimester services:	
	(a) first birth	517.00	(a)	without threatened miscarriage, miscarriage or termination	121.00
	(b) VBAC	517.00	(b)	with threatened miscarriage, miscarriage or termination	165.00
	(c) subsequent birth	395.50	(2)	urgent normal hours pregnancy care	44.00
(3)	homebirth supplies and support	584.00	(3)	urgent out of hours pregnancy care	66.00
(4)	birthing unit support	298.50	(4)	non-LMC labour and birth (rural support)	549.50
(5)	labour and birth (exceptional circumstances)	403.00	(5)	urgent postnatal care	44.00
(6)	labour and birth rural support	663.00	5	Maternity radiology specialist consult (WM1005)	Fees (GST Excl)
3	Maternity LMC Postnatal Services (WM1009) (Services Following Birth)	Fees (GST Excl)	(1)	ultrasound scans	80.00
(1)	services following birth:		6	Maternity obstetrician specialist consult (WM1002)	Fees (GST Excl)
	(a) received inpatient postnatal care:		(1)	consulting obstetrician services:	
	(i) full fee	637.00	(a)	first consultation	82.00
	(ii) first partial fee	312.00	(b)	subsequent consultation	41.00
	(iii) last partial fee	312.00	7	Maternity paediatrician specialist consult (WM1004)	Fees (GST Excl)
	(b) no inpatient postnatal care:		(1)	consulting paediatrician services:	
	(i) full fee	716.00	(a)	first consultation	92.00
	(ii) first partial fee	351.50	(b)	subsequent consultation	41.00
	(iii) last partial fee	351.50			
	(c) additional postnatal visits	205.50			
(2)	services following birth if a general practitioner or obstetrician has used hospital midwifery services:				
	(a) received inpatient postnatal care:				
	(i) full fee	98.50			
	(ii) first partial fee	49.50			
	(iii) last partial fee	49.50			
	(b) no inpatient postnatal care:				
	(i) full fee	132.00			
	(ii) first partial fee	66.00			
	(iii) last partial fee	66.00			