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Kia ora koutou

Increase to primary maternity fees

The Minister of Health has approved publication of an amendment to the Primary Maternity Service Notice 2007.

The draft amendment increases fees for all modules of care, except for specialist modules, by 2.18 per cent (GST exclusive). Refer to Appendix 1 for the list of modules affected, and refer to Appendix 2 for the full draft Amendment Notice and new draft fee schedule.

The Primary Maternity Service Notice 2007 allows for financial adjustments through Amendments Notices to the fee schedule without opening the Notice for full review.

The Ministry will publish the Amendment Notice in the New Zealand Gazette and on the Ministry's website www.health.govt.nz on 29 June 2020.

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

The Ministry is beginning work to put in place a 2.18%, and expects to action the 2020 fee increase in the payments system on 1 July 2020.

This 2.18% fee uplift is reflective of cost pressures adjustments as determined by Labour Cost Index and Consumer Price Index for the 2020/2021 financial year. This represents only one part of the Budget 2020 funding for maternity services included in documents available on Treasury's website. The Ministry is unable to provide further details about additional maternity budget allocations until announcements are made by Ministers.

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 the Amendment Notice and the implementation process, please email primarymaternity@health.govt.nz or call 0800 855 066 (select Option 2 when prompted).

Nāku noa, nā



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