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1 December 2022	Regulatory Impact Statement: Proposals for updates to ACC regulations dealing with treatment payments after 2020/21 review	MBIE

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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Updates to ACC Regulated Payments for Treatment: Final Proposals

Portfolio ACC

On 7 December 2022, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1 **noted** that ACC has completed a review of the Accident Compensation (Liability to Pay or Contribute to Cost of Treatment) Regulations 2003 and the Accident Compensation (Apportioning Entitlements for Hearing Loss) Regulations 2010;
- 2 **agreed** to the following two changes to the Accident Compensation (Liability to Pay or Contribute to Cost of Treatment) Regulations 2003:
 - 2.1 implement bespoke payment increases ranging from 4.6 percent to 9.36 percent for treatment providers, as set out in the table below:

Treatment provided type	Proposed increase to treatment rate
Counsellors	9.36%
Dentists	5.70%
Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment	5.70%
Medical Practitioner and Nurse combined consultations	4.60%
Medical Practitioners	5.70%
Nurses	7.85%
Nurse Practitioners	7.85%
Radiologists	5.70%
Specialists	5.70%
Specified treatment providers	9.36%

2.2 introduce a nurse practitioner and registered nurse combined treatment rate with the following variations and rates (after the uplift):

Definition	Rate after proposed bespoke increase
If the claimant is 14 years old or over when the visit takes place and is not the holder of a community services card or the dependent child of a holder	\$30.68
If the claimant is under 14 years old when the visit takes place	\$56.70
If the claimant is 14 years old or over when the visit takes place and is the holder of a community services card	\$53.22
If the claimant is 14 years old or over but under 18 years old when the visit takes place and is the dependent child of a holder of a community services card	\$58.27

- 3 **agreed** to a nil increase for audiology treatment rates, which are provided for under the Accident Compensation (Apportioning Entitlements for Hearing Loss) Regulations 2010;
- 4 **noted** that the changes outlined above are expected to have an annual cash cost of \$23 million to ACC;
- 5 **noted** that there is not expected to be a material impact on ACC levies or the ACC appropriation because an increase in costs of this magnitude has already budgeted for;
- 6 **invited** the Minister for ACC to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to give effect to the above paragraphs;
- 7 **authorised** the Minister for ACC to make decisions, consistent with the above paragraphs, on any issues that arise during the drafting process;
- 8 **noted** that the amended regulations are expected to come into force from 1 April 2023;
- 9 **noted** that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment will undertake targeted consultation with industry and affected stakeholders on any recommended changes to the regulations following ACC's 2022 review.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Hon Phil Twyford
Rino Tirikatene MP
Dr Deborah Russell MP

Officials present from:

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Officials Committee for DEV
Office of the Chair of DEV