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Minister	Hon Peeni Henare	Portfolio	ACC
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List of documents that have been proactively released		
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10 July 2023	Final Proposals – Approval for Updates to ACC Regulates Payments for Treatment	Office of the Minister for ACC
18 August 2023	Updates for ACC Regulated Payments for Treatment: Final Proposals. SWC-23-SUB-0111 Minute	Cabinet Office
23 June 2023	Regulatory Impact Statement: Proposals for updates to ACC regulations dealing with treatment payments after 2022 review	MBIE

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Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Updates to ACC Regulated Payments for Treatment: Final Proposals

Portfolio **ACC**

On 16 August 2023, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1 **noted** that ACC completed a review of the Accident Compensation (Liability to Pay or Contribute to Cost of Treatment) Regulations 2003 and Accident Compensation (Apportioning Entitlements for Hearing Loss) Regulations 2010;
- 2 **noted** that ACC undertook targeted consultation from 3 April to 1 May 2023 on the proposed updates to the Cost of Treatment Regulations;
- 3 **agreed** to the following changes to the Accident Compensation (Liability to Pay or Contribute to Cost of Treatment) Regulations 2003 and Accident Compensation (Apportioning Entitlements for Hearing Loss) Regulations 2010:
 - 3.1 implement bespoke payment increases ranging from 3.56 percent to 7.90 percent for treatment providers as follows:

Treatment provided type	Proposed increase to treatment rate
Audiology	4.89%
Counsellors	4.89%
Dentists	3.56%
Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment	4.36%
Medical Practitioners	3.56%
Nurses	7.90%
Nurse Practitioners	7.90%
Combined Nurse and Medical Practitioner	4.17%
Combined Nurse and Nurse Practitioner	7.90%
Radiologists	4.36%
Specialists	3.56%
Specified treatment providers	4.89%

3.2 introduce an internal examination rate for maternal birth injuries with the following variations and rates (after the uplift):

Description	Details	Price
Internal examination Procedure	<20 minutes + consumables	\$41.34

- 4 **noted** that the above changes are expected to have an annual cash cost of \$17.4 million to ACC;
- 5 **noted** that there is expected to be a negligible impact on ACC levies or the ACC appropriation because an increase in costs of this magnitude was already budgeted for;
- 6 **invited** the Minister for ACC to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to give effect to the above decisions;
- 7 **authorised** the Minister for ACC to make decisions, consistent with the above, on any issues which arise during the drafting process;
- 8 **noted** that the amended regulations are expected to come into force from 1 April 2024.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan
Hon Kieran McAnulty
Hon Ginny Andersen
Hon Jo Luxton

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