



# COPD Hospital Discharge

A programme by **WellSouth**

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## Intended Purpose

This programme is to support patients following a hospital admission for COPD, with the aim of preventing readmission. Using a targeted review process, the clinician can discuss with the patient how they are managing post discharge, identify and act on any issues especially those which could escalate and result in the patient needing a readmission.

## Eligibility

- Any patient discharged from hospital, following a COPD admission.
- Appointment must have been made by the discharging team, or by the WellSouth call centre.

## Key Information

- Appointments will be arranged by the hospital discharge coordinator, or discharge nurse ahead of the patient leaving hospital.
- In some cases, WellSouth (Call Centre) may arrange the appointment with your practice team if it was unable to be made prior to discharge.
- Please ensure administrators in your practice who make appointments are familiar with the eligibility criteria above, and also they note in the appointment template that this is a COPD hospital discharge appointment.
- Please ensure you clearly record the phone call, as appointments are only eligible if they have been made by the hospital as part of the COPD hospital discharge process and the patient attends appointment.
- Remind the patient of their appointment using your practice's usual reminder method.
- The general practice appointment can occur with the RN, NP, or GP.
- Clinician reviews the patient using the prompts in the portal, these prompts are based on the Te Whatu Ora COPD hospital discharge checklist which is available in the patients discharge summary.

## Claiming

Claiming is via the WellSouth PHN portal.

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## Service codes for your PMS

Service code for your PMS—Please set these up prior to using the programme.

Code	Amount (incl. GST)	Description
WPHODI	\$81.10	COPD Hospital Discharge

## Payment Rates

\$70.52 + GST COPD Hospital Discharge.

## Can a co-payment be charged?

No co-payment can be charged.

## When does the claim need to be completed?

Claiming must be completed within 2 months of treatment.

*If your PMS is aligned to the WellSouth Clinical BCTIs, please contact [practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz](mailto:practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz) with your new Account Internal ID.*

For further information regarding this programme please contact [practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz](mailto:practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz) or your Primary Care Relationship Manager.