

Assessment

COVID-19 Care In The Community



A programme by **WellSouth**

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Intended Purpose

The model of care for COVID-19 is changing from 1 October 2023 to a targeted approach to support those most in need of care and identified as being at higher risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19. Access to antivirals has been identified as the most evidence-based measure in the Care in the Community toolkit and this adjustment best serves those at higher risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19.

HealthPathways Link: <https://southern.communityhealthpathways.org>

Eligibility

To be eligible the patient must:

- Have COVID-19 and symptoms or be a Household Contact and have symptoms; and
- Been sick within the last 5 days; and
- Meet one of the additional [antiviral eligibility criteria](#).

Antiviral access criteria:

- Māori and Pacific people aged 50 years or older
- Everyone aged 65 years or older.
- Anyone aged 50 years or older with fewer than two COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Anyone with a severely weakened immune system.
- Anyone with Down syndrome.
- Anyone with sickle cell disease.
- Anyone previously in critical or high dependency hospital care from COVID-19.
- Anyone with a disability who is at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19.
- Anyone with frailty or vulnerability due to one or more severe health conditions.
- Anyone with 3 or more high-risk medical conditions.

Visit COVID19.health.nz for the full eligibility criteria.

Exclusions

- Claiming is limited to one type of claim per person, per day, per practice.
- Claims cannot be made separately for testing and proactive initial clinical assessment.
- A claim for funding cannot be made for self-test RAT that was completed at home.

Claiming

Claiming is via the WellSouth PHN portal.



Service codes for your PMS—please set these up prior to using the programme.

Code	Amount (incl. GST)	Description	Assessment Type
CCV301	\$103.50	CCICV3 IA WD (Standard)	Proactive Initial Clinical Assessment
CCV302	\$155.25	CCICV3 IA AH WE (After hours/Weekend)	
CCV303	\$43.13	CCICV ScriptSupport	Prescriber Support for Pharmacist-Initiated supply
CCV306	\$103.50	CCICV3 ConTest WD (Standard)	Consultation and Testing (PCR/RAT)
CCV307	\$155.25	CCICV3 ContTest AH WE (After hours/Weekend)	

Payment Rates (excl. GST)

\$90.00 + GST	Initial assessment (Standard)
\$135.00 + GST	Initial assessment (After hours/Weekend)
\$37.50 + GST	Prescriber support for Pharmacist-initiated supply of antivirals
\$90.00 + GST	Consult and testing (Standard)
\$135.00 + GST	Consult and testing (After hours/Weekend)

For further information regarding this programme please contact practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz or your Primary Care Relationship Manager.



High-Risk Medical Conditions

High risk medical conditions include:

- Chronic lung or airways disease
- Serious heart conditions such as congestive heart failure, coronary artery disease, rheumatic heart disease, and congenital heart disease
- Poorly controlled hypertension
- Chronic neurological or neuromuscular disease
- Diabetes
- Chronic kidney disease
- Severe liver disease such as cirrhosis
- Severe haematological disorders
- Severe mental illness such as schizophrenia, major depressive disorder, bipolar or schizoaffective disorder
- Active cancer
- Morbid obesity (BMI greater than 35).

Key Information

- After-hours on weekdays are between 8pm-8am Monday – Thursday. The weekend rate covers Friday 5pm - Monday 8am and any public holiday.
- A claim can be submitted for each person in a household who is COVID-19 positive, including probable cases.
- Pharmacy-initiated antiviral assessment and supply is supported by a funded consultation between the pharmacist and a primary care prescriber, where required for complex patients.
- Patients who are symptomatic should be encouraged to do a self-test RAT at home wherever possible, before attending a primary care facility or community pharmacy. It is important for providers to reinforce this message with patients and accept a self-reported RAT when making decisions regarding a patient's clinical management.

Key Information—Continued

- Symptomatic household contacts of a positive case who are eligible for antivirals, can be prescribed these, without a positive test result.
- If there is a requirement for a RAT to be carried out by a clinician for an in-person consultation, this will only be funded if it is positive, and the patient meets the criteria for antivirals. Claims cannot be made separately for testing and proactive initial clinical assessment.
- If a patient tests negative on a RAT, and a PCR is recommended as per the testing guidance, AND the patient meets the criteria for antivirals, the PCR test will be funded even if the PCR is negative. Consider PCR only if required for enabling further clinical management.

Claiming—Continued

Can a co-payment be charged?

No co-payments can be charged for the services funded within this guidance.

When does the claim need to be completed?

Claiming must be completed within 6 months of treatment. Users will be able to retrospectively claim by changing the Assessment Date to be before 1st of October.

The screenshot shows a web form with the following sections:

- Assessment Date:** A text input field with a calendar icon.
- Assessment Type:** A dropdown menu with a blue header "Please specify" and a list of options:
 - Proactive Initial Clinical Assessment - Standard
 - Proactive Initial Clinical Assessment - After hours/Weekend
 - Prescriber Support for Pharmacist-initiated Supply of Antivirals
 - Regular Review - Standard
 - Regular Review - Weekends
 - Consultation and Testing (PCR/RAT) - Standard
 - Consultation and Testing (PCR/RAT) - After hours/Weekend
 - Patient-initiated Clinical Escalation - Standard
 - Patient-initiated Clinical Escalation - After hours/Weekend
 - Urban In Home Care - Standard
 - Urban In Home Care - After hours
 - In Person Care in Clinic - Standard
 - In Person Care in Clinic - Weekend
 - Rural and Remote In Home Care - Standard
 - Rural and Remote In Home Care - After hours
- Eligibility (View COVID-19 antivirals: Access Criteria):** A section with four checkboxes:
 - Patient Meets Antiviral Access Criteria
 - Patient Is In The Priority Population
 - Patient Is In The Vulnerable Population
 - Patient Identified As Clinically High Risk
 - Eligibility Review That Doesn't Meet Criteria
- Notes:** A text area for additional information.

If your PMS is aligned to the WellSouth Clinical BCTIs, please contact practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz with your new Account Internal ID.