

**EVUSHELD - CLAIMING GUIDE FOR PRIMARY CARE**

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**PURPOSE**

This document provides guidance on nationally set fees that can be claimed by primary care providers (general practice, pharmacy, Hauora providers, and others) for the COVID-19 medicine - Evusheld (tixagevimab and cilgavimab).

**FEES SCHEDULE**

Conditions for claiming include:

- No fee to patient (including general practice/Hauora providers/other co-payments and prescription co-payments).
- No claim for clawback for general practice/Hauora providers/others.
- Limited to one claim per day per person, per provider. There is ability to make additional claims based on clinical discretion.
- No simultaneous claiming against any other funding stream.
- All dollar values **exclude GST**.

General Practice/Hauora Providers/Others	Description	Claim
<b>Virtual Eligibility / Clinical Assessment</b>	Virtual assessment, includes writing a prescription	\$60.00
	In-person assessment, includes writing a prescription	\$120.00
<b>Administration</b>	Injection of Evusheld by a provider	\$36.05
<b>Adverse Event Assessment</b>	Virtual limited assessment	\$60.00
	In-person full assessment	\$120.00

Pharmacy Service	Description	Claim
<b>Prescription Co-Payment</b>	Reimbursement of prescription co-payment	\$4.35
<b>Dispensing Service</b>	Dispensing Evusheld in a community pharmacy	\$10.00
<b>Delivery Cost</b>	For same day delivery, cold chain, and point-to-point – actual costs up to \$25	Up to \$25.00
<b>Administration</b>	Injection of Evusheld by a provider – where the local delivery model allows	\$36.05

**CLAIMING PROCESS**

Claims should be invoiced as indicated in your COVID Care in the Community agreement. Note this is likely to require a variation to your COVID Care in the Community agreement to incorporate the new services.

Notes

- For adverse events, claims must be for events within two weeks of administration.
- In addition to the funding described in the table above, Te Whatu Ora also fully funds telephone and video translation services for COVID-19 related consultations. Please contact your PHO for access information.

**APPENDIX 1 Pharmacy Service Guidance**

**1. Service components**

- 1.1 The Provider must obtain Evusheld from the pharmaceutical wholesaler approved by Pharmac (currently Healthcare Logistics (HCL)).
- 1.2 If a pharmacy does not have an account with HCL please contact them on 09 969 0736 to arrange an account.
- 1.3 The cost of the Evusheld is free to the provider including the cost of the medicine and courier into the pharmacy.
- 1.4 Evusheld can be ordered from HCL from 3 October 2022.
- 1.5 Evusheld should only be ordered upon receipt of a prescription, and not ordered in anticipation of receiving a prescription.
- 1.6 If additional clinical advice is required, and the person's GP is not available assistance may be sought from the Whakarongorau clinical advice line (for example, if you have a technical question, you need an answer to or want to check something):

**COVID-19 clinical advice line – 0800 177 622**

Please note this phone number is not publicly available and should not be given to the public.

- 1.7 Enter the supply of Evusheld in your Pharmacy Management System's (PhMS) dispensing application (not as an OTC supply), and produce a label with the person's name, date of supply, instructions etc). This data is captured in the New Zealand electronic Prescription Service (NZePS).

**2. Service linkages**

2.1 The Provider must establish and maintain linkages with the local general practices.

**3. Performance Measures**

3.1 The effectiveness of this service will be monitored through data capture in your PhMS and captured in the NZePS.

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**4. Payment for Evusheld**

4.1 The publicly funded oral antiviral medicines are supplied to the participating pharmacy at zero cost.

4.2 Providers will receive payment for the Service through a variation to their COVID Care in the Community Pharmacy agreement with their Te Whatu Ora district:

- (a) dispensing Evusheld in a community pharmacy fee is \$10 (GST exclusive)
- (b) actual delivery cost of Evusheld up to \$25 (exclusive of GST); Evusheld is a cold-chain product (store in a refrigerator (2°C to 8°C). Delivery must maintain the cold chain. Where a courier service is used, delivery must be a same day, point-to-point delivery
- (c) reimbursement of prescription co-payments (\$4.35 excluding GST)
- (d) if the local Te Whatu Ora district delivery model enables injection of Evusheld in the pharmacy, an administration fee of \$36.05 (excluding GST) can be claimed. The local Evusheld protocol must be followed
- (e) No simultaneous claiming against any other funding stream.

4.3 Claims should be invoiced as indicated in your COVID Care in the Community Pharmacy agreement.

**5. No payment to be sought from Eligible Service Users**

5.1 The Provider must not in any circumstances demand or accept any Product Premium, Pharmacy Charge, Co-payment, or any other fee from any Eligible Service User to whom the Provider provides oral COVID-19 antiviral medicines under this service specification.