

MONKEYPOX - 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 and pharmacy), urgent care and afterhours providers.

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.
- No simultaneous claiming against any other funding stream.
- All dollar values **exclude GST**.

General Practice/Hauora Providers/Others	Description	Claim
Assessment, Testing, Treatment	In-person assessment, includes testing and prescription (30 minutes)	\$180.00
	Follow up appointments – if positive for monkeypox (15 minutes)	\$90.00
Urgent Care / Afterhours Care	In-person assessment, includes testing and prescription	\$270.00
Urgent Care / Afterhours Care	Follow up appointment – within 2 weeks of initial assessment related to mpx (15 minutes)	\$135.00

CLAIMING PROCESS

- Claims should be invoiced as indicated in your COVID Care in the Community agreement.
- Follow-up consultations for management of new and worsening conditions related to confirmed positive mpx test
- Maximum of one consultation per day

- Patient initiated consultation for follow-up

Note : Funding is only available for those who meet eligibility criteria and / or are requested by local Medical Officer of Health

Pharmacy Service	Description	Claim
Dispensing Service	Tecovirimat dispensing in a community pharmacy, including unapproved medicine (section 29) reporting requirements	\$15.00
Delivery Cost	Reimbursement for medicine delivery	\$7.00
Prescription Co-Payment	Reimbursement of prescription co-payment per eligible medicine for non-tecovirimat Monkeypox related treatments in a confirmed positive case	\$4.35

APPENDIX 1 Pharmacy Service Guidance

1. Service components

- 1.1 The Provider must obtain tecovirimat 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 tecovirimat is free to the provider including the cost of the medicine and courier into the pharmacy.
- 1.4 Tecovirimat can be ordered from HCL from 25 October 2022.
- 1.5 Tecovirimat should only be ordered upon receipt of a prescription, and not ordered in anticipation of receiving a prescription.
- 1.6 This will only be required for non-TPOXX prescriptions – prescriptions endorsed ‘delivery; non-prescription co-payment’ (or similar).

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.

- 3.2 Tecovirimat is an unapproved medicine. The Provider must work with the supplying pharmaceutical wholesaler to provide the standard unapproved medicine reporting to Medsafe. Further details can be found on the [Medsafe website](#).

Fees, payments, and claiming rules

4. Payment for tecovirimat

- 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 tecovirimat in a community pharmacy fee is \$15 (GST exclusive)
 - (b) delivery fee of tecovirimat \$7.00 (exclusive of GST).
 - (c) no simultaneous claiming against any other funding stream
 - (d) funding is only available for those who meet eligibility criteria and / or are requested by local Medical Officer of Health.
- 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 Monkeypox antiviral medicines under this service specification.