

	PRIMARY CARE CLINICAL DIGEST APRIL 26 2024
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Health & Disability Commissioner Act and Code review to be launched April 30 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public consultation for the review of the Health and Disability Commissioner Act 1994 (the Act) and the Code of Health and Disability Services Consumer's Rights (the Code) will launch at 2pm on April 30 and run until 5pm on July 31 2024. • The Act and Code Review Team have engaged with representatives from a range of communities to shape the consultation and now want to hear from as many people as possible to make sure any changes recommended work for everybody. • Resources will be available to share with your networks and these will be available at review.hdc.org.nz when the consultation goes live. Please contact review@hdc.org.nz if you have any questions or information needs you would like to discuss. • Regional engagements to support consultation are also planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wellington, Wairarapa, Horowhenua – May 13-17/18 ○ Christchurch and Dunedin – June 10-14/15 ○ Auckland and Northland – July 8-12/13 ○ Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Rotorua – July 15-19/20 • If there is an opportunity to connect with your community where these consultations are taking place, or you would like to arrange a meeting at a different time, then please get in touch at review@hdc.org.nz.
Limited funded access to people already on Dulaglutide (Trulicity) and Liraglutide (Victoza)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on this limited funded access can be viewed via the attached link.

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Consultation on lenalidomide and pomalidomide View online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See the attached link to view the proposal to fund a new treatment option, pomalidomide, for people with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma from 1 August 2024, and to change the funded brand of lenalidomide, enabling widened access to lenalidomide from August 1 2024.
ACC cost of treatment regulation rates increasing from June 1 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providers treating patients under the Cost of Treatment Regulations will receive increased ACC contributions from June 1 following approval by Government. • Cost of Treatment Regulations are the legislated rates that ACC pay providers who do not hold a specific contract with them. The regulations are reviewed every two years to make sure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ payment rates mean that treatment is affordable for injured New Zealanders ○ costs to ACC are affordable, sustainable, and consistent ○ payments are not too dissimilar across the health and ACC system. • Rate increases from June 1 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3.56% rate increase for dentists, medical practitioners, and specialists ○ 4.17% rate increase for combined medical practitioners and nurse consultations ○ 4.36% rate increase for hyperbaric oxygen treatment and radiologists ○ 4.89% rate increase for audiology, counselling, and specified treatment providers (acupuncturists, chiropractors, occupational therapists, osteopaths, physiotherapists, podiatrists, speech therapists) ○ 7.90% rate increase for nurses, nurse practitioners and combined nurse and nurse practitioner appointments. • The rates do not reflect the Pay Equity settlements (for Nursing and Allied Health) because the review of the Cost of Treatment Regulations finished before the Pay Equity settlements were finalised. This will be a factor to consider in future reviews. • Services delivered on and after June 1 2024 should be invoiced at the new rates. Please note that invoices during this week will need to include both old and new rates if you have consultations on either side of June 1. Invoices at the old rates for services provided on or after June 1 will be paid at the old rates. • If you use a practice management system, your PMS vendor will advise when an update for the new rates is available. If you are uncertain, please check with your PMS vendor.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can continue to invoice ACC for services as you do now, ensuring you use the new rates for services from June 1. information sheets listing the Cost of Treatment Regulations amounts per provider type will be published by May 8 on the paying for your services webpage. If you have any questions, please contact cotr@acc.co.nz
Information and action on Hospital and Specialist Services – Patient Communication Project – Stage 1 See attached memo and FAQs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See the attached memo and frequently asked questions in relation to an initiative Te Whatu Ora Hospital and Specialist Services is undertaking to contact patients who have been waiting longer than four months for a first specialist assessment appointment. The first stage of this is to contact patients in the four specialties of General Surgery, Ophthalmology, Gynaecology, and Orthopaedics. Patients will be contacted between May 6 and the end of June. Patients waiting for other specialist appointments will be contacted from July. The aim is to make sure general practice is aware of this initiative as patients are being asked to see their GP or health provider if their condition has changed, and some patients may have further questions.
Medicinal cannabis products that meet the minimum quality standard: ANTG Eve Oil and ANTG Elan Oil View online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on this topic can be viewed via the online link.
Kete for involving pharmacists into general practice See attached overview and kete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CPCT and Primary Care Taskforce have put together a toolkit of resources designed to support practices integrate a practice pharmacist into the team. Please see the attached communications that includes links to information about what services pharmacists can provide practices, benefits, considerations, employment models, templates and case study videos featuring GPs and pharmacists. The Kete documents are available on HealthPathways here.
Ruruku – latest news and updates from Te Whatu Ora View online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the latest updates from Te Whatu Ora, click on the attached link.
Appointment announcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are not across this already, Te Whatu Ora has announced the appointment of Dr Richard Sullivan as Tumu Haumanu Chief Clinical Officer for Te Whatu Ora. Currently the interim Chief Clinical Officer for Te Whatu Ora, Richard was appointed into this role on an interim basis in June 2023. Richard brings an extensive experience of clinical and service leadership in New Zealand. In conjunction with his executive commitments, Richard is also a practising Medical Oncologist.

<p>Cyber Smart Week is coming October 21-27 2024 View online</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For more information and to register for CERT NZ’s annual Cyber Smart Week upcoming campaign in October, see the attached link.
<p>Updates for primary care prescribers up to April 19 2024 View online</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See attached link to view the Pharmac updates.
<p>Top Weekend Viewing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the nights draw in, temperatures start to drop and Winter is on the horizon, why not watch one or all of these ‘feel good’ movies that show that a bit of determination can go a long way! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mrs Harris Goes to Paris (Prime Video/Neon) - In 1950s London, a widowed cleaning lady falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress, deciding she must have one of her own. After working to raise the funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris that will change not only her own outlook - but the very future of the House of Dior. View trailer ○ The Phantom of the Open (Netflix/TVNZ+) - Amateur golfer Maurice Flitcroft achieves his late-in-life goal of participating in the British Open Golf Championship, much to the ire of the staid golfing community. View trailer ○ The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (Prime Video/Neon) - A seemingly unremarkable man in his sixties named Harold one day learns that his old friend Queenie is dying. He goes to mail a letter, only to keep walking for over 700km until he reaches Queenie's hospice, much to the despair of his wife Maureen. View trailer