

## Summary – Long Term Conditions Claiming Guide

Mahitahi Hauora provides funding for various long term conditions services, targeted at quality improvement and increased access for priority populations. The following document outlines current services that can be claimed for and claiming requirements.

### Claiming Guidance for Practices

Please note for all programmes with claimable services, all efforts should be made to claim in a timely manner. Claims **up to 4 weeks** in arrears of the claimable service being provided will be considered, however, later claims will no longer be processed.

Claims are also paid one month in arrears. For example, claims made in June, will be paid around the 20<sup>th</sup> of July.

#### 1. Spirometry Services

Spirometry is funded for patients who meet the clinical criteria (see HealthPathways) AND one or more of the following equity criteria:

- Māori or Pacific ethnicity OR
- CSC Cardholder OR
- Reside in a quintile 4-5 area OR
- Are experiencing significant financial hardship.

All providers delivering spirometry must be appropriately trained and can evidence training. Claiming is also open to professionals who have attended the core competency training and are conducting spirometry as part of their competency portfolio.

Please note, for spirometries delivered from 1 April 2025 onwards, there has been an uplift in claiming amount. For spirometry delivered to eligible enrolled patients, this increases to \$90 + GST. For spirometry delivered to eligible unenrolled patients, this increases to \$115 + GST.

Claimable item	Claimable amount (uplift from 1 April 2025)	How to access this support
Spirometry Assessment Completed – <i>Enrolled patient that meets eligibility criteria - Māori or Pacific OR Quintile 4 – 5</i>	\$90 + GST (\$103.50)	Create a new service code, <b>SPI-E</b> , in accounting – services in the PMS and a new account holder for all Spirometry claims. Invoice

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<i>OR CSC holder OR experiencing financial hardship.</i>		using code <b>SPI-E</b> . Invoices will be paid electronically.
Spirometry Assessment Completed – <i>Unenrolled patient that is Māori or Pacific OR Quintile 4 – 5 OR CSC holder OR experiencing financial hardship.</i>	\$115 + GST (\$132.25)	Create a new service code, <b>SPI-EU</b> , in accounting – services in the PMS and a new account holder for all Spirometry claims. Invoice using code <b>SPI-EU</b> . Invoices will be paid electronically.

*If you have any queries about the spirometry programme or any future trainings, please contact [Susan.McGiven@mahitahihauora.co.nz](mailto:Susan.McGiven@mahitahihauora.co.nz).*

For practices not able to deliver spirometry, please refer to [Health Pathways](#) regarding referral processes. Mahitahi receives and coordinates referrals for Far North and Whangarei patients. Paihia Medical Centre can receive direct referrals for Mid North patients.

## **Spirometry Equipment Reimbursement**

Mahitahi Hauora also provides a 20% reimbursement for practices that purchase spirometry kit (excluding consumables, excluding GST). Practices must invoice Mahitahi Hauora ([accounts@mahitahihauora.co.nz](mailto:accounts@mahitahihauora.co.nz)) to be reimbursed for 20% of the device cost before GST. The original tax receipt / invoice must be provided for the reimbursement to be processed.

## **2. COPD and Asthma Whanau Wellness Reviews**

Mahitahi Hauora is funding COPD and Asthma Whanau Wellness reviews, as well as some immunisations (pneumococcal, boostrix) for Maori or Pacific AND / OR CSC holder patients with diagnosed COPD.

COPD and Asthma Whanau Wellness reviews are an hour long and are to be conducted by a practice nurse. A checklist has been provided for each review type (also available in partner portal > guidelines) to support with the requirements of the appointments.



COPD Whanau  
Wellness Checklist-



Asthma checklist  
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Claimable item	Claimable amount	How to access this support
COPD Whanau Wellness check offered to Māori/Pacific AND / OR CSC holder patients with diagnosed COPD. Service provided must include actions outlined on the following checklist. This is a 1 hour, nurse-led assessment.	\$200 + GST (\$230)	Create a new service code, <b>COPDWW</b> , in accounting – services in the PMS and a new account holder for all review claims. Invoice using code <b>COPDWW</b> . Invoices will be paid electronically.
Asthma Whanau Wellness check – offered to Maori/Pacific AND/OR CSC holder patients 5 years or older with diagnosed Asthma	\$100 + GST (\$115)	Create a new service code, <b>AWW</b> in accounting – services in the PMS and a new account holder for all review claims. Invoice using code <b>AWW</b> . Invoices will be paid electronically.
Funded immunisations for Māori / Pacific AND / OR CSC holders with diagnosed COPD  <i>You will need to follow your usual procedure for giving off schedule vaccines (e.g. have them prescribed, administer under a standing order, etc). Immunisation should be provided free to the patient.</i>		
<b>Prevnar13</b> - Māori/Pacific AND / OR CSC holder patient with a diagnosis of COPD, who has NOT received a previous pneumococcal vaccine	\$210 + GST (\$241.50)	Create a new service code, <b>WWPN13</b> , in accounting – services in the PMS and a new account holder for all review claims. Invoice using code <b>WWPN13</b> . Invoices will be paid electronically.
<b>Pneumovax 23</b> - Māori/Pacific AND / OR CSC holder patient with a diagnosis of COPD who has previously received	\$105 + GST (\$120.75)	Create a new service code, <b>WWPN23</b> , in accounting – services in the PMS and a new account holder for all review claims. Invoice

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pneumococcal vaccine OR received Prevnar13 at least two months ago.		using code <b>WWPN23</b> . Invoices will be paid electronically.
<b>Boostrix</b> - Māori/Pacific AND / OR CSC holder patient with a diagnosis of COPD	\$70 + GST (\$80.50)	Create a new service code, <b>WWBOO</b> , in accounting – services in the PMS and a new account holder for all review claims. Invoice using code <b>WWBOO</b> . Invoices will be paid electronically.

If you require any clinical support or advice regarding this programme, please contact [Susan.McGiven@mahitahihauora.co.nz](mailto:Susan.McGiven@mahitahihauora.co.nz).

### 3. Gout Services

The Gout Stop Plus programme (GSP+) is provided by Mahitahi Hauora and includes the provision of kaiāwhina / registered nurse virtual support over a three-month period to support patients with unmanaged gout (*2 or more acute presentations in a 12-month period*). The following funding supports ongoing follow-up in general practice once the patient completes the GSP. These follow-up appointments should be nurse-led.

Before you claim, please refer to the following documents (also available in partner portal, guidelines), which provide guidance on the delivery of best-practice gout services including referral to the programme – and requirements of the funded follow up appointments in general practice.




Gout Stop Plus +  
Programme-Patient



Gout Stop Plus +  
Programme Checklist.

Claimable item	Claimable amount	How to access this support
<b>Funded Gout Stop Follow-Up Consult</b>	\$85 + GST (\$100)	Create a new service code,

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<p>Please first refer to the requirements of the appointment, in the section headed <b>The Gout Stop Follow up Consult Checklist</b>, available in the GSP+ programme checklist document.</p> <p> Gout Stop Plus + Programme Checklist.</p> <p>For the practice to receive payment; <u>the relevant activities must be completed</u> to meet claiming requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient must have completed the GSP +, with a discharge letter received by the practice from the Mahitahi GSP + nurse (<i>in practice inbox</i>).</li> <li>• Patient has had a classification of gout, and this is highlighted as a long-term condition.</li> <li>• Patient has been prescribed Allopurinol and this is highlighted as a long-term medication.</li> </ul>		<p><b>GOUTC</b>, in accounting – services in the PMS and a new account holder for all 3-month appointment claims. Invoice using code <b>GOUTC</b>. Invoices will be paid electronically.</p>
<p>Further activity for patients not at target.</p>	<p>\$34 + GST (\$40)</p>	<p>Create a new service code,</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If uric acid levels are not to target and regular monthly monitoring and titration need to take place until uric acid is at target, practices can claim for the additional review/s which include monitoring of uric acid and ongoing up-titration until levels are at target.</li> </ul> <p>Claims can be made for a <u>maximum of 3</u> prescriptions if necessary to up-titrate medications until uric acid is at target after the initial Gout Stop Programme has been completed.</p>		<p><b>GOUTFU</b>, in accounting – services in the PMS and a new account holder for all gout additional activity claims. Invoice using code <b>GOUTFU</b>. Invoices will be paid electronically.</p>
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If you require any clinical support or advice regarding this programme, please feel free to contact the GSP + Nurse – Theresa Chapman ([gout.stop@mahitahihauora.co.nz](mailto:gout.stop@mahitahihauora.co.nz) / +6427 2423 418)

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