

Copy of Communications to General Practice [16 April 2024] – COPD Whānau Wellness programme and funded Asthma and COPD fundamentals training.

NOTICE: The following [Asthma + Respiratory Foundation course](#) is being funded as part of the COPD Whānau Wellness programme. Please read the email below in full for further details and requirements. If you are interested in the course, nurses are required to register on the Mahitahi education portal NOT register on the Asthma and Respiratory Foundation site – if they do this, they will be required to pay upfront. Please register on the Mahitahi education portal, so Mahitahi can process your enrolment, login, and cover the course fees.

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Kia Ora,

Mahitahi Hauora is pleased to announce a new arm to our [Long-Term Conditions Programme](#), **COPD Whānau Wellness**. This follows on from the success of the nurse-led winter wellness initiatives at some of our general practices and can now be run throughout the year.

This email includes important information for nurses and practice managers including checklists and information for nurses performing the COPD checks, the patient criteria, funded training opportunities and details on funded immunisations for COPD patients.

Funding for Practice

Funding is in place to eliminate the costs to patients and support practices in providing this care. Co-pay should not be charged to patients for any work conducted under the COPD Whānau Wellness Programme.

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For every one-hour nurse led COPD Whānau Wellness patient assessment the practice will receive a payment of \$200. Enter service code COPDWW into your PMS to claim and ensure your team is invoicing against this code for each eligible appointment.

We are also funding immunisations [for recommended COPD patients who are not currently funded](#). As these vaccines are to be administered outside of the schedule the practice will need to either have them prescribed or work from a standing order. [Please see further information here](#).

Information for nurses completing the COPDWW Checks

To complete a COPD Whānau Wellness patient assessment please use this [checklist](#).

Other useful information can be found via the below links. A hardcopy of this information and resource packs will be sent to all participating practices.

- [Breathlessness Strategies for COPD](#) and a [quick reference guide](#)
- [COPD Factsheets](#)
- [Home exercises for COPD](#)
- [Inhaler Identification Chart](#)
- [Pulmonary Rehab Referral](#)

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There are many other useful [resources from Asthma + Respiratory Foundation NZ](#) that we encourage you to explore.

Measuring Outcomes

Mahitahi Hauora will review outcomes for patients receiving a COPD Whānau Wellness check by examining:

- Patient experience feedback and receipt of a winter plan
- ED presentation
- Hospital admission

Training

A fully funded and incentivised 12 accredited hours training course is available to prepare nurses to provide the COPD Whānau Wellness checks. A requirement of participation is that practices have at least one nurse complete this training, and funding for this is available until July 2024.

This course is facilitated by the Asthma + Respiratory Foundation NZ. [Register here.](#)

~~Once a nurse completes the training, they will receive a \$100 Prezzy Card.~~

Next Steps

Please confirm if your practice would like to participate in the COPD Whānau Wellness Programme by emailing Susan.McGiven@mahitahihauora.co.nz.

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