

# Funded Palliative Care



## Purpose

The purpose of the Palliative Care programme is to provide a funding stream that enables patients diagnosed with a life limiting condition (malignant and non-malignant) and expected to live less than 12 months to receive care and support from their general practice team at no cost or at a subsidised cost.

## Introduction

People are entitled to be able to choose their place of care and location of death. An increase in the ageing population and improvements in cancer treatment, means that more people are living with a terminal illness. There are also increasing numbers of people with non-malignant disease requiring end of life care who do not have the same level of access to palliative care services. Additionally, increasing pressure on hospital level care means there is a flow-on pressure for general practice teams, therefore, funded support to care and manage people at the end of their life removes the need for patients to receive Primary Care palliative services.

For further detailed Palliative Care information, on Auckland Region HealthPathways, go to:

<https://aucklandregion.communityhealthpathways.org/24337.htm>

[Te Ara Whakapiri: Principles and guidance for the last days of life \(health.govt.nz\)](https://www.health.govt.nz/te-ara-whakapiri-principles-and-guidance-for-the-last-days-of-life)

## Equity

Palliative Care funding is available to all ethnicities and quintiles; however, Māori and Pacific peoples are known to have lower rates of end-of-life care provided by general practices and palliative care providers/hospice. The Auckland PHO Palliative Care funding seeks to ensure Māori and Pacific patients have equity of access to funding.

<https://aucklandregion.communityhealthpathways.org/352430.htm>

## Eligibility/ Business Rules

- Patient is enrolled and;
- Has a diagnosis of malignancy or non-malignant condition
- Is deemed by their GP to be expected to die within the next 12 months (ask the surprise question, "Would I be surprised if this patient dies within 12 months)?
- One of the packages of care can be claimed each day

The patient will exit from the programme on their death or at a time identified by them or their family/whānau.

### **Patients not eligible for Palliative Care funding**

Patients living in a residential care facility or private hospital where there are alternative funding arrangements for palliative care.

### **Patient Co-payments**

It is expected that patients enrolled into the Palliative Care Programme do not pay for the initial consult and home visits. Co-payments for follow up visits is at the discretion of the Practice.

## Consults/ Packages of Care

The package of care includes service relating to the patient's terminal illness		
Service Type	Service Description	Funding
Initial (extended consultation) <i>(when patient is no longer being actively treated for their condition)</i>	To discuss and plan care including advance care plan as appropriate <b>See Advance Care Planning links below</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
Follow up consult	Subsidy for ongoing palliative care support	<b>\$35.00</b>
Home visit (one per day)	When the patient is too unwell to be seen at the practice Record if patient visited in hours 8am – 6pm or after hours/weekends/public holidays (Required for contract reporting)	<b>\$120.00</b>
Bereavement follow up	Record date of death Can include phone call or follow up family visit but does not include a home visit to certify death <b>See Death Certification link</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Advance Care Planning</b>	<a href="https://advance-care-planning-aug11.pdf">advance-care-planning-aug11.pdf</a> <a href="https://health.govt.nz">health.govt.nz</a>  <a href="https://aucklandregion.communityhealthpathways.org/39484.htm">https://aucklandregion.communityhealthpathways.org/39484.htm</a>	
<b>Death Certification</b>	<a href="https://aucklandregion.communityhealthpathways.org/41516.htm">https://aucklandregion.communityhealthpathways.org/41516.htm</a>	

# Mōhio Form

Palliative Care(8009)

Information and Eligibility

Main

Claims

Decision Support

Consultation Date	17/07/2023	dd/mm/yyyy
Date first enrolled into service	25/10/2016	dd/mm/yyyy
Enrolled with Malignancy	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Primary Diagnosis	<div style="background-color: #ffff00; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>	
Hospice Involved	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hospital Admission	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Consultation type	<div style="background-color: #ffff00; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	
Consultation reason	<div style="background-color: #ffff00; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	
Date of death		dd/mm/yyyy