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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-043799

Thank you for your email of 15 October 2025, asking for the following information which we are responding to under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I am looking to research about ACC Maternal birth injuries and am wondering if anyone can provide more details about this. Im currently going through the webpage (<https://www.acc.co.nz/im-injured/what-we-cover/cover-for-maternal-birth-injuries>) and just looking for figures around funding as well.

- like who funds it / allocates funding?*
- how it is used? (split between each injury that falls under maternal birth injuries or does it just sit as one big figure)*
- how often does the funding get reassess? (to see if more funding is needed)*

But also to educate the audience on what ACC provides for maternal birth injuries (that's not on the website)

- In the past year, how many claims had been approved?*
- Does many patients know about this service that can be available to them? If not, how can we as individuals heading into midwifery provide knowledge to patients about this service?*

Funding information about maternal birth injuries

Costs for maternal birth injuries are typically funded from either the Earners' Account levy or the Non-Earners' Account levy, depending on whether the person is employed or not at the time of the injury. The Earners' Account is funded by people who are employed or self-employed (levy deductions taken from income). The Non-Earners' Account is used to support people who don't pay levies e.g., beneficiaries, students, or visitors; funding for this account comes from the government through general tax. More details about ACC levies is available on our website, here: www.acc.co.nz/about-us/our-levies-2/what-your-levies-pay

When an ACC client seeks treatment from a provider (such as a General Practitioner / Nurse Practitioner or a pelvic physiotherapist) for an accident-related condition, the provider seeks reimbursement from ACC. The amount ACC contributes depends on many factors including the type of treatment, type of provider, and whether the provider is working under a contract with ACC or under the Accident Compensation (Liability to Pay or Contribute to Cost of Treatment) Regulations 2003 (Regulations).

The Regulations contain set amounts that we will pay for each treatment, which you can read here: www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2003/0388/latest/DLM235778.html. The amount we pay providers under the Regulations is reviewed every two years, and new rates are approved by the government.

When a claim is accepted, ACC pays for treatment that is required for recovery from the covered injury. The amount we pay and treatments we contribute to depend on what treatment is deemed necessary for each individual claim. Please refer to Schedule 1 of the Accident Compensation Act 2000, here: www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2001/0049/latest/whole.html#DLM104544.

Data on maternal birth injury claims

We recently published data on maternal birth injuries on the data.govt.nz website, here: <https://catalogue.data.govt.nz/dataset/gov-043591-data-on-maternal-birth-injuries-october-2022-to-october-2025/resource/c24bfc95-0cba-493a-9dd7-085a6e5b3ad7>

This includes accepted claims from October 2022 to October 2025.

Knowledge of ACC services for maternal birth injuries

There are a range of health professionals who can lodge claims on behalf of our clients. For maternal birth injuries, the most common are physiotherapists, GPs, midwives, and obstetricians. ACC consulted and engaged with these sector groups (and others) when the legislation changed in 2022 to ensure that the sector knew how to support their patients to access ACC support. ACC regularly engages with these sector groups.

Regarding midwifery, ACC has a relationship with the College of Midwives who provide support to their members in understanding how to identify and claim for a maternal birth injury.

Some examples of the guidance we have available on our website are below:

- How to provide maternal birth injury services - www.acc.co.nz/for-providers/provider-contracts-and-services/maternal-birth-injuries/how-to-provide-maternal-birth-injury-services
- Understanding maternal birth injury cover - www.acc.co.nz/assets/provider/maternal-birth-injury-provider-quick-guide.pdf
- Supporting maternal birth injuries as a midwife - www.acc.co.nz/assets/provider/maternal-birth-injury-midwife-quick-guide.pdf
- Sample ACC45 form for a maternal birth injury - www.acc.co.nz/assets/provider/maternal-birth-injury-sample-acc45.pdf
- A midwife's guide to ACC's maternal birth injury cover - www.acc.co.nz/assets/provider/midwife-guide-to-maternal-birth-injury-webinar-slides.pdf
- Maternal birth injuries: Evidence-informed client pathways - www.acc.co.nz/assets/provider/Maternal-birth-injuries-Evidence-informed-client-pathways.pdf
- Understanding maternal birth injury cover for physiotherapists - www.acc.co.nz/assets/provider/mbi-for-physios-webinar-slides.pdf

How can midwives provide information to patients

ACC has a range of resources available to support midwives in this role, including quick guides and brochures that explain what injuries are covered, how to lodge a claim, and what support is available.

Our website also includes information that health providers could provide to their patients, such as:

- Maternal birth injuries for parents brochure - www.acc.co.nz/assets/im-injured/Maternal-Birth-Injuries-Parents-Brochure.pdf
- Understanding maternal birth injury cover - www.acc.co.nz/assets/provider/maternal-birth-injury-provider-quick-guide.pdf
- Cover for maternal birth injuries - www.acc.co.nz/im-injured/what-we-cover/cover-for-maternal-birth-injuries

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public

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