

15 March 2024

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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-030805

Thank you for your email of 28 February 2024, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I am seeking information on how service providers and treatment providers engage with ACC on a contractual basis.

In particular, I seek the information regarding who contracts to who and also how medical clinics work where there may be more than one GP. Does ACC have a provider contract with each provider? And how does the provider ID code get allocated etc, to pay for services?

How are these contracts renewed and on what timeframe please?

ACC funding for General Practice (GP) services

Most GPs supporting ACC clients are funded under the Accident Compensation (Liability to Pay or Contribute to Cost of Treatment) Regulations 2003, which outline a contribution that ACC pays for injury related consultations and treatment. These regulations are available at the following link:

https://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2003/0388/latest/DLM236530.html?search=ts_regulation%40deemedreg_regulations_resel_25_a&p=1

These GPs do not hold a contract with ACC, however, they register as a provider with ACC by completing the ACC24 registration form. Once the registration process has been completed, ACC will issue the provider with a unique Provider ID number. This Provider ID 'follows' the provider if they work in multiple practices or change practices. A Vendor ID number is also required to enable ACC to pay providers for the services they provide. A Vendor ID may be issued to an individual GP who is self-employed, or to a practice. Multiple providers may work under the same Vendor ID in a practice.

The Cost of Treatment Regulations rates are reviewed once every two years.

GP services in rural areas may be funded under the Rural General Practice (RGP) contract

The RGP contract may be held by sole practitioners or by practices with multiple GPs working under the same contract. GPs working under the RGP contract do not need to be registered as individual providers with ACC as all services are provided under the Vendor ID of the practice. It can be viewed on our website here: <https://www.acc.co.nz/assets/contracts/rural-gp-schedule.pdf>.

The current RGP contract has been in place since 1 May 2019 and is due to expire on 30 June 2024. A new RGP contract will commence from 1 July 2024 for a period of two years. All current contract holders are required to reapply for the new contract and confirm they are able to meet the contractual requirements.

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

ACC has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on ACC's website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available www.acc.co.nz/resources/#/category/12.

If you have any questions about this response, please get in touch

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