



18 August 2023



Kia ora 

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-026924

Thank you for request to the Department of Internal Affairs, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I would like to know if there is any evidence to support that, when someone has a serious car crash and goes to a public hospital for treatment, does the hospital give ACC a bill for this, as it should be technically covered by ACC?

Your request was transferred to ACC on 7 August 2023 under section 14 of the Act.

People who require emergency hospital treatment are covered by ACC

ACC provides cover for people who have suffered an injury caused by an accident, such as in the scenario described in your request. ACC is responsible for treatment costs, including for acute care in hospitals. However, the costs of acute care are not billed to ACC on an individual claim basis. Rather, ACC pays for this type of treatment by a consolidated payment under the Public Health Acute Services (PHAS) agreement with the Ministry of Health. For the 2021/22 financial year, ACC paid \$651 million for those services. Further information on payments under PHAS is available at:

<https://www.acc.co.nz/assets/provider/accident-services-a-guide-for-dhb-and-acc-staff.pdf>

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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Ngā mihi

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