

# Specified treatment provider costs

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## ACC Information sheet

This information sheet lists the Cost of Treatment Regulations amounts ACC can pay for specified treatment provider treatments.

Specified treatment provider means an acupuncturist, chiropractor, occupational therapist, osteopath, physiotherapist, podiatrist, or speech therapist.

For the TMT items below, ACC can pay either a flat rate for each consultation or an hourly rate based on the time the client receives direct treatment.

Regulation item	Billing code	Item description	Flat rate \$ (excl. GST)	Flat rate \$ (incl. GST)	Hourly rate \$ (excl. GST)	Hourly rate \$ (incl. GST)
<b>TMT</b>						
	ACU1	Acupuncture	27.42	31.53	68.99	79.34
	CH01	Chiropractic	27.42	31.53	68.99	79.34
	OT01	Occupational therapy	27.42	31.53	68.99	79.34
	OST1	Osteopathy	27.42	31.53	68.99	79.34
	PHY3	Physiotherapy	27.42	31.53	68.99	79.34
	ST01	Speech therapy	27.42	31.53	68.99	79.34
	POD1	Podiatry	27.42	31.53	68.99	79.34
<b>POD3</b>	POD3	Abscess or haematoma: drainage with incision (with or without local anaesthetic agent)	33.22	38.20		
<b>POD4</b>	POD4	Nail, simple removal of	26.60	30.59		
<b>POD5</b>	POD5	Nail, wedge resection/removal of – requiring the use of digital anaesthesia	110.68	127.28		
<b>XRAY</b>	XRAY	X-ray chiropractor (per film – maximum 2 films per claimant per personal injury)	16.81	19.33		

### Part-hour payments

If the hourly rate payment option is chosen, ACC will pay \$79.34 GST incl (\$68.99 GST excl) per hour for the time a client receives direct treatment. If direct treatment is for less than one hour, we will calculate payment as the appropriate portion of the hourly rate as follows:

#### Part-hour payments

<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Hourly Rate \$ (GST excl.)</b>	<b>Hourly Rate \$ (GST incl.)</b>
5	5.75	6.61
10	11.50	13.23
15	17.25	19.84
20	23.00	26.45
25	28.75	33.06
30	34.50	39.68
35	40.24	46.28
40	45.99	52.89
45	51.74	59.50
50	57.49	66.12
55	63.24	72.73
60	68.99	79.34

## Specific clauses

The clauses below are taken from the principal regulations that are in effect – the Accident Compensation (Liability to Pay or Contribute to Cost of Treatment) Regulations 2003. The clauses have been updated in line with the amendments in the Accident Compensation (Liability to Pay or Contribute to Cost of Treatment) Amendment Regulations 2024.

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1. This regulation applies to the treatments specified in the Schedule under the heading "Specified treatment providers' costs".
2. A treatment provider may elect not to be paid the amount specified in item TMT for any treatment that a claimant receives by giving the Corporation a written notice of election.
3. If the Corporation receives a notice of election, the Corporation is liable to pay the lesser of –
  - a. \$68.99 GST excl (\$79.34 GST incl) an hour; or
  - b. the rate per hour the provider would have charged the claimant for treating personal injuries of the kind suffered by the claimant.
4. The provider may revoke an election under subclause (2) by giving the Corporation a written notice of revocation but may give another written notice of election only if the Corporation first gives written consent allowing the provider to make, a re-election.

### 5 Limitations on hourly rate

5. This regulation applies if a treatment provider –
  - a. elects to receive an hourly rate under these regulations for payment for his or her services to a claimant; or
  - b. receives an hourly rate under these regulations for payment for his or her services to a claimant.
6. For any particular hour during which a treatment provider is treating claimants, the Corporation is liable to pay for no more than a total of 60 minutes of treatment at the relevant hourly rate despite –
  - a. the number of claimants that the treatment provider may have directly treated in succession in that hour; or
  - b. the number of claimants that the treatment provider may have directly treated at the same time in that hour.

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