

**Friday 05 April 2019 1600hrs**

**Important information for all GP teams, Community Pharmacists, Community Nursing and Aged Care Facilities – Please share this with everyone in your team**

## Extension to Crisis Claim Support

### General Practice Response to the 15/03 Christchurch Terror Attack

- General Practitioners are able to claim a free or reduced patient co-payment for general practice consultations related to the 15/03 Christchurch terror attack, provided at the discretion of the General Practitioner.
- The consultation claim is up to \$55.00 + GST per GP consultation.
- This support has now been extended to **5 May 2019**.

### ACC Support Continues

- The ACC support includes:
  - Where a practice elects to waive or reduce the usual co-payment, ACC will pay the co-payment amount up to \$46 including GST (\$40 ex GST) for each visit.
  - This additional support is available for visits until **26 April 2019**.
  - ACC is currently providing cover for mental health injuries from the attack where:
    - there is a mental injury that is caused by a physical injury, or;
    - the mental injury occurred while they were working, e.g., someone working at one of the mosques or someone driving to a job who directly witnessed the shooting (whether physically injured or not).
- You can find further information on ACC support via their website: <https://www.acc.co.nz/about-us/news-media/latest-news/christchurch/>

### Additional Emotional Support

- Three Muslim mental health professionals from Kahui Tu Kaha are able to provide a culturally responsive counselling service to those in the Muslim community directly affected by the March 15 events. The team can offer home visits and phone counselling, and can refer to local clinical and social support services.
- Most practices should be able to use ERMS; request a Muslim clinician, or ring 0800 246 099.
- Available until **30 April 2019**.

Kind regards,

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