

Update for Locality Leadership Groups /Clinical Advisory Networks/ PHO Nurse Leaders/ Practice Advisors

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LOW ACUITY - WOUND CARE TRANSFER TO PRIMARY CARE

Following the approval of the business case for Community Health Service Integration, the transfer of low acuity wound care to primary care is ready for implementation on the 30th November. All localities will implement this change on the 30th November 2015.

Planned Process

Referrals to district nursing will be screened by Community Central (or District Nurse Screeners until Community Central is in place) and referrals appropriate for wound care treatment by the General Practice team will be allocated to POAC for coordination of treatment. POAC will contact enrolled GP and provide referral information and communicate the appropriate package of care, as outlined below. All invoicing will be pre- approved through POAC.

The volumes of referrals are expected to be about 100 per month across all localities and practices. The agreed process with PHO's requires that there are no additional co-payments for nursing services to be charged to the patient. The funding is based on the ACC nursing charge of \$19.45 for a child under the age of 13 and consumables costed at \$10.00. A simple wound may require up to 3 visits per week. If there are high cost consumables required for a treatment POAC will arrange a district nurse consult and agree to supply products to be used.

There are three packages of care that have been endorsed by ALT/ PHO CE prior to the paper going to the Board. They cover nurse time and consumables for wound care only any other services are to be charged as per normal practice costs and processes.

Package 1 – one week's care including nurse consultation and consumables \$100.00

Package 2 – two weeks care including nurse consultation and consumables \$200.00

Package 3 – three weeks care including nurse consultation and consumables - \$300.00

If the person requires ongoing care past the package POAC will coordinate a peer review by local District Nurse for endorsement of a further package or refer to district nurse for ongoing care if required.

Wound care education if required is available on the Ko Awatea Learn website on line module on basic wound care. Documentation will be recorded on the e shared care record or POAC claim form. The wound care advisory group has developed the process and will continue to meet to ensure the needs of nurses and patients are met during this transition. Please contact Karyn Sangster Chief Nurse Advisor Primary & Integrated Care karyn.sangster@cmdhb.org.nz or cell phone 021870814 for further information.

