

Primary Care Annual Funding

FAQs 2025/26

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What is the total funding uplift for general practice in 2025/26?

General practices will receive a total increase of \$180million in Government funding for 2025/26. This includes:

- A 6.43% uplift to base capitation funding (\$59 million)
- \$60 million in contingent capitation funding to support access and data-sharing initiatives
- \$30 million in performance based funding to improve childhood immunisation rates
- \$26 million to support co-payment affordability, especially for Community Services Card holders and children
- \$5 million to support delivery of minor planned care in general practice settings

What does my practice need to do to receive this funding?

From 1 July all practices will automatically receive:

- The 6.43% base capitation uplift
- Co-payment support funding
- Contingent capitation

To continue to receive contingent capitation funding practices will need to:

- Participate in new data sharing arrangements with Health NZ (once the data governance group finalises the process)
- Practices may opt out of data sharing, but must notify their PHO in advance. Opt-out dates are 1 July or 1 February, depending on the notice period.

To access performance based immunisation funding practices must:

- Improve or maintain high immunisation rates for six-week-olds
- Performance will be assessed quarterly and payments made accordingly

How has the Nurse Pay Disparities Funding been incorporated into my capitation funding?

- The existing GP Nurse Pay Disparities Funding has been incorporated into capitation funding from 1 July 2025. The total amount of this funding for 2024/25 was \$39.1M.
- \$30M of this funding has been added into base capitation funding, with \$9.1M added to immunisation funding acknowledging that the significant role of nurses in these components.

What is contingent capitation funding?

Contingent capitation is a new stream of capitation funding that supports improved access to care and signals a movement to more performance based funding for primary care. The initial foundational element is to strengthen strengthens the quality and availability of primary care data. It requires practices to participate in future data-sharing with Health NZ, which will inform national service planning, system performance, and equity improvements. Participation is voluntary, and practices can opt out with notice.

What's required for the performance based immunisation funding?

Practices that:

- Are currently under 85% immunisation coverage (for 6-week-olds measured at 3 months) must achieve a 10 percentage point improvement over 12 months
- Are currently over 85% are expected to reach and/or maintain 95% coverage

Funding will be paid quarterly, and partial improvements will still be recognised.

What about minor planned care procedures?

\$5 million is being made available to support the delivery of minor planned procedures in general practice (e.g., skin excisions, iron infusions, minor

gynaecology). Implementation details will be worked through in the coming months with sector input.

What are the changes to co-payments in 2025/26?

The agreed co-payment increase is based on a total uplift of 9.69%, combining the base capitation and half of the contingent capitation funding. This means:

- The reasonable fee increase is 3.18% for most practices
- Practices that opt out of contingent capitation may increase their co-payments by up to 6.43%

The maximum cap for fee increases without referral to the Fees Review Committee has increased from \$65 to \$67.

What are the new co-payment amounts for CSC and VLCA patients?

- CSC holders aged 18+: \$20.00 (up from \$19.50)
- CSC holders aged 14 -17: \$13.50 (up from \$13.00)
- Non-CSC patients aged 18+ at VLCA practices: \$30.50 (up from \$29.50)

Will there be any changes to immunisation administration payments?

Yes. From 1 July 2025:

- Standard immunisation rate increases to \$46.00 (excl. GST)
- Influenza immunisation increases to \$37.50 (excl. GST)
- New co-administration fee of \$20.52 for delivering multiple immunisations in one visit
- \$26 million in System Level Measures funding will reward PHOs that improve or maintain 24-month immunisation rates

COVID immunisations will transition into PHO Services Agreement funding over the next 12 months.

Will all of this funding continue after 2025/26?

Yes, both the contingent capitation and performance-based immunisation funding are ongoing and have been written into the PHO Services Agreement as new funding lines. While funding levels are confirmed annually through the Government's Budget process and PSAAP negotiations, these new components have been established as part of the baseline funding approach for general practice beyond 2025/26.

Has the Back to Back agreement used by some PHOs to subcontract with their practices been updated to capture all these changes?

Yes, the [Back to Back agreement](#) has been updated and is available here for PHOs entering into new subcontracting arrangements. PHOs will work with existing practices to confirm any variations to existing back-to-back agreements.