

**Fifth National Variation to the Primary Health
Organisation Agreement Version 17.0**

between

DHB

Contact:

and

**PHO Agreement – V17.0 – 5th Variation
VERY LOW COST ACCESS PAYMENTS**

Contact:

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A: SUMMARY

A1 Definitions

- a. "we", "us", "our" means «DHB_NAME» DHB
- b. "you", "your" means «PROVIDER_NAME»
- c. "either of us" means either we or you
- d. "both of us" means both we and you

A2 The Agreement

In «CONTRACT_ORIGYEAR» a Health and Disability Services Agreement (the Agreement) was entered into. The Agreement commenced on «CONTRACT_ORIGSTARTDATE» and ended/ends on «CONTRACT_ORIGENDDATE» and is/was numbered («PROVIDER_NUMBER» / «CONTRACT_ORIGCONTRACTID»/«CONTRACT_ORIGVERSION»).

A3 Variation

In «CONTRACT_YEAR» the «CONTRACT_VERSION» variation to the Agreement was entered into. The variation commenced on «CONTRACT_STARTDATE» and was numbered («PROVIDER_NUMBER» / «CONTRACT_CONTRACTID»/«CONTRACT_VERSION»).

This is the «CONTRACT_VERSION» variation to the Agreement and modifies service details by attaching the first variation to PHO Version 17.0. This variation to the Agreement begins on 1 July 2005 and ends on «CONTRACT_ENDDATE».

A4 Section B

The attached Section B includes all of the adjustments to this Agreement as a result of this variation.

A5 Remainder of Agreement

The remaining terms and conditions of the Agreement are confirmed in all respects except for the variations as set out in this document.

A6 Signatures

Please confirm your acceptance of the Agreement by signing where indicated below.

For «DHB_NAME» DHB:

For «PROVIDER_NAME»:

_____ (signature)

_____ (signature)

Name

Name

Position

Position

Date

Date

B: PROVIDER SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Schedule F1 of the Agreement is amended by inserting the following clause 1A:

Very Low Cost Access Payments

1A.1 Subject to the terms and conditions specified in this clause 1A, we will Pay you a very low cost access Payment.

1A.2 A very low cost access Payment has two components, as follows:

- (a) an **individual practice component**, which we will Pay you in respect of each individual practice (an **eligible practice**) of a PHO that charges the very low fees specified in clause 1A.4(b) and for whom the PHO and the relevant DHB meet the conditions specified in clauses 1A.4(a) and 1A.4(c). This component of the very low cost access Payment is:
 - (i) for the period ending with the close of 30 June 2007, as specified in Table 1 (in the case of Access PHOs) and Table 2 (in the case of Interim PHOs) of this clause 1A.2; and
 - (ii) after 30 June 2007, as specified in Table 1 of this clause 1A.2.
- (b) a **whole of PHO component**, which we will Pay to those PHOs whose member practices are all eligible practices. This component of the very low cost access Payment is specified in Table 3 of this clause 1A.2.

Table 1: Individual practice component of very low cost access Payment – annual rates excluding GST		
Age Bands	Gender	\$ amounts (excluding GST)
00-04	F	50.30
	M	52.96
05-14	F	15.92
	M	14.90
15-24	F	14.69
	M	8.09
25-44	F	12.91
	M	8.34
45-64	F	17.68
	M	13.21
Over 65	F	30.47
	M	26.28

Table 2: Individual practice component of the very low cost access Payment – annual rates excluding GST		
Age Bands	Gender	\$ amounts (excluding GST)
00-04	F	50.30
	M	52.96
05-14	F	15.92
	M	14.90
15-24	F	14.69
	M	8.09
45-64	F	17.68
	M	13.21
Over 65	F	30.47
	M	26.28

Table 3: Whole of PHO component of the very low cost access Payment – Annual rates, excluding GST					
		Non Maori/Pacific		Maori/Pacific	
Age Bands	Gender	1 – 4	5	1 – 4	5
00-04	F	0.00	10.06	10.06	20.12
	M	0.00	10.59	10.59	21.18
05-14	F	0.00	3.18	3.18	6.37
	M	0.00	2.98	2.98	5.96
15-24	F	0.00	2.94	2.94	5.88
	M	0.00	1.62	1.62	3.23
25-44	F	0.00	2.58	2.58	5.16
	M	0.00	1.67	1.67	3.34
45-64	F	0.00	3.54	3.54	7.07
	M	0.00	2.64	2.64	5.28
Over 65	F	0.00	6.09	6.09	12.19
	M	0.00	5.26	5.26	10.51

1A.3 You are required to pass on the full amount of the individual practice component of the very low cost access Payment to your eligible practices. You may apply the whole of PHO component of the very low cost access Payment at your discretion, subject to our approval. We will only approve an application of an amount of any whole of PHO component if we are satisfied that the application will contribute to implementing the Primary Health Care Strategy.

1A.4 You will only be entitled to the individual practice component of the very low cost access Payment in any given payment quarter if:

- (a) you have:
 - (i) signed variation 4 of version 17.0 of the Agreement (as agreed by the PHO Service Agreement Amendment Protocol Group at its meeting of 15 June 2006) on or before 6 November 2006;
 - (ii) obtained approval from us for your establishment plan for the PHO Performance Management Programme and committed in writing to commencing your participation in that Programme before 1 July 2007. From 1 July 2007, you will only be entitled to the individual practice component if your participation in the Programme commenced on or before that date;
 - (iii) notified us of the names of all of your member practices (together with the unique practice identifier for each practice) that you are satisfied meet the conditions specified in clause 1A.4(b);
 - (iv) in the case of a very low cost access Payment that relates to the payment quarter beginning 1 October 2006, given notification under clause 1A.4(a)(iii) by 25 September 2006, or, in the case of Payments that relate to all other payment quarters 15 Business Days before the commencement of the date of register submission as defined in the Business Rules: Capitation-based funding document that is referred to in clause 3.2(a) of Schedule A1 of variation 4 of version 17.0 of the Agreement;
- (b) you have at least one member practice that charges fees for each standard consultation at or below the following amounts:
 - (i) zero fees (\$0) for Enrolled Persons aged 0 to 5 years;
 - (ii) ten dollars (\$10) for Enrolled Persons aged 6 to 17 years; and
 - (iii) fifteen dollars (\$15) for Enrolled Persons aged 18 years and over (except that Interim PHOs are exempt from complying with this condition in respect of Enrolled Persons aged 25 to 44 years until the close of 30 June 2007 provided that the relevant DHB is satisfied the member practice has not unreasonably increased fees for Enrolled Persons aged 25 to 44 years since 1 July 2006);
- (c) we have:
 - (i) notified the Ministry of Health of the information notified by you under clause 1A.4(a)(iii);
 - (ii) in the case of a very low cost access Payment that relates to the payment quarter beginning 1 October 2006, given notification under clause 1A.4(c)(i) by 2 October 2006, or, in the case of Payments that relate to all other payment quarters, 10 Business Days before the commencement of the date of register submission as defined in the Business Rules: Capitation-based funding document that is referred to in clause 3.2(a) of Schedule A1 of variation 4 of version 17.0 of the Agreement.

1A.5 You will only be entitled to the whole of PHO component of a very low cost access Payment in any given payment quarter if every one of your member practices is an eligible practice in relation to that payment quarter.

1A.6 To avoid doubt:

- (a) in respect of the individual practice component of the very low cost access Payment, each individual practice must continue to comply with the conditions

specified in clause 1A.4(b) until the end of the payment quarter to which the very low cost access Payments relate;

(b) if any of your practices do not comply with clause 1A.6(a), we may exercise our rights under clause F13 of the Agreement to recover from you such of the following amounts in respect of which you or one of your member practices have failed to comply for the relevant payment quarter:

(i) the entire individual practice component of the very low cost access Payment for that payment quarter that relates to the practice or practices that have failed to comply:

(ii) the entire whole of PHO component of the very low cost access payment for that payment quarter.

1A.7 We will not Pay a very low cost access Payment to you unless the conditions specified in clause 1A.4 and, in the case of a whole of PHO component, clause 1A.5 have been complied with.

1A.8 Nothing in this clause 1A prevents you or any of your member practices from foregoing a very low cost access Payment by not complying with a condition for qualifying for a payment under this notice.

1A.9 We both acknowledge that the Ministry of Health has advised DHBs that clause 3.6 of Part A of Schedule F4 of the Agreement applies to:

(i) the very low cost access payment specified in clause 1A.2; and

(ii) the fees thresholds specified in clause 1A.4(b).