



Palliative Care

A programme by **WellSouth**

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Intended Purpose

This programme supports patients and their families during the last days of life. It aims to reduce financial burden for them during a difficult time. This programme is a capitation type payment to the practice, so they can offer palliative care services to patients without the need for frequent transactions.

HealthPathways Link: <https://southern.communityhealthpathways.org/17434.htm>

Eligibility

- Patient must have a terminal condition with end of life likely to be within 6 months.
- Patient must be enrolled at the practice.

Exclusions

- Any patient residing permanently in an aged residential care (ARC) facility at the time of registration.
- Any patient transferred into an ARC facility.
- Any patient who has previously been on palliative care.

Key Information

- Practices are required to manage the care the patient needs within the budget provided.
- The duration of the programme is for a maximum of 6 months.
- Exit from the programme occurs either at the time of the patients death or at 6 months following registration.
- Please contact WellSouth to support the admin of a Palliative Care patient transfer between practices, or is admitted into an ARC facility.
- When making a final claim please ensure the number of GP/nurse consults and/or home visits is completed in the portal.
- If a patient is transferred to an ARC facility you will not be able to generate a final payment.

Claiming

Claiming is via the WellSouth PHN portal.

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Service codes for your PMS

Please set these up prior to using the programme.

Code	Amount (incl. GST)	Description
WPPCR	\$230.00	PalCar Reg
WPPFC	\$287.50	PalCar Final

Payment Rates (excl. GST)

\$ 200.00 + GST Registration

\$ 250.00 + GST Final Claim

Registration will activate the initial \$200.00 (excl. GST) payment to the practice.

Complete final claim before marking patient as deceased in your PMS.

Can a co-payment be charged?

No co-payment can be charged.

When does the claim need to be completed?

The final claim must be received within 2 months of either death or expiry of the 6 month period to receive final \$250.00 +GST payment.

If your PMS is aligned to the WellSouth Clinical BCTIs, please contact practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz with your new Account Internal ID.

For further information regarding this programme please contact practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz or your Primary Care Relationship Manager.