



Rheumatic Fever

A programme by **WellSouth**

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Intended Purpose

A programme to support patients needing antibiotic prophylaxis for ongoing management of their rheumatic fever. This programme supports patients who have a diagnosis of rheumatic fever, to receive antibiotic prophylaxis in primary care.

HealthPathways Link: <https://southern.communityhealthpathways.org/71987.htm>

Eligibility

- Patients diagnosed with rheumatic fever by a hospital specialist, paediatrician or physician, and currently requiring long-term prophylactic antibiotics.

Exclusions

- Patients who had childhood Rheumatic Fever, but no longer require long term antibiotics (see health pathway).

Key Information

- Patients from out of district can be claimed for on this programme. *Recognising occasional requests from other areas to treat their patients.*
- Patient is registered onto the rheumatic fever programme in the WellSouth portal. This is done before a claim can be made by the practice. Please note there is no payment associated with registration.
- Practice administers antibiotic prophylaxis as per Health Pathway at no cost to the patient.

Claiming

Claiming is via the WellSouth PHN portal.

Rheumatic Fever	New Registration
	New Claim
	Exit Patient

Service codes for your PMS

Please set these up prior to using the programme.

Code	Amount (incl. GST)	Description
WPRHEC	\$40.00	Rheumatic Fever Claim

Payment Rates (excl. GST)

\$34.78 + GST Rheumatic Fever Claim

Can a co-payment be charged?

No co-payment can be charged.

When does the claim need to be completed?

Claiming must be completed within 2 months of treatment.

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