

Special High Cost Treatment Pool Application Form Gender Reassignment Surgery Waiting List

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Date of application: _____

1. Patient information

Full name: _____

Residential address: _____

NHI number: _____ Date of birth: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email: _____

Ethnicity: European Maori Pacific Nations Other: _____

Eligibility: Is this person eligible for publicly-funded services as defined in the
NZ Public Health and Disability Act 2000

Initial Consultation: Public Private

2. DHB and Referrer information

DHB of referral: _____

Referring DHB Specialist: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

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DHB of Domicile (if different): _____

Responsible manager in DHB of Domicile (ie manager to whom contracts will be made out for travel and accommodation): _____

Signature of responsible DHB manager: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

DHB of domicile CMO (or delegate): _____

Signature of DHB of domicile CMO (or delegate): _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

3. Provider information

Proposed provider organisation: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Proposed providing specialist: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Person to whom contracts will be made out: _____

Email: _____

4. Clinical details

This application is for:

Gender reassignment surgery overseas

Male to Female

Female to Male

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This patient has the following additional current/past medical conditions:

This patient is on the following medications:

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5. Financial information

Estimated cost of all components of treatment (GST exclusive) in NZ\$: **(an estimate of costs will be required on provider letterhead)**

Inpatient: \$ _____

Theatre: \$ _____

Diagnostic/
Assessment: \$ _____

Surgeon: \$ _____

Anaesthetist: \$ _____

Pharmaceuticals: \$ _____

Radiology: \$ _____

Out-patient: \$ _____

Travel \$ _____

Accommodation: \$ _____

Other (Specify): \$ _____

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPECIAL HIGH COST TREATMENT POOL

The purpose of the Special High Cost Treatment Pool is to:

- ensure equitable access throughout the country to Special High Cost Treatments
- manage the financial risk for certain highly specialised procedures which pose a risk due to their unknown or fluctuating costs
- promote the use of cost-effective procedures in the public health care system

Special High Cost Treatments include the following:

- medical treatment overseas
- treatment available in New Zealand but not currently available within the public health system (and not publicly funded under contract with the private sector)
- complex cases

1. Who can apply?

Applications will only be accepted from DHB specialists supported by the responsible DHB manager in the DHB of domicile, whose name will be on the contract once application is approved, along with supporting documentation and recommendations for treatment.

2. Eligibility criteria

Access to the Special High Cost Treatment Pool will be determined by the Chief Advisor and a panel of relevant Ministry officials in the context of the Ministry's statutory objectives and functions. In reaching decisions on access to the Treatment Pool, the Chief Advisor and panel will have regard to the eligibility criteria listed below, and to the applicant's individual circumstances.

2.1 Special High Cost Treatment Overseas

- i. The treatment being sought for funding must not be available in New Zealand.
- ii. The treatment has proven efficacy through appropriate clinical trials, and preferably has also been established as effective when applied in regular practice.
- iii. The chosen treatment is cost-effective which means that:
 - the expected long term savings to the health care system outweigh the initial costs of the treatment; and/or
 - the dollar costs for the expected benefit are acceptable when evaluated against other MoH priorities.

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- iv. Failure to receive the treatment could result in serious irreversible deterioration in the patient's condition or an inability to recover lost function, or significant impairment to normal development of a child; or

Failure to receive the treatment could deny an adult with a lifelong disability access to treatment which would lead to a marked improvement in their quality of life.
- v. Treatment would lead to reasonable prospects of survival and to an improved quality of life after treatment.
- vi. The treatment is well established and not an experimental form of treatment.
- vii. In cases where the above eligibility criteria are clearly satisfied approval will be granted by the Chief Advisor in consultation with an assessment panel.

2.2 Special High Cost Treatments in New Zealand (not publicly funded and available only outside public hospitals)

- i. The treatment must not be currently available from any public hospital in New Zealand and must not be publicly funded in a private hospital under any existing contractual arrangement.
- ii. The treatment has proven efficacy through appropriate clinical trials, and preferably has also been established as effective when applied in regular practice.
- iii. The treatment is well established and not an experimental form of treatment.
- iv. Failure to receive the treatment could result in serious irreversible deterioration in the patient's condition or an inability to recover lost function, or significant impairment to normal development of a child; or
- v. Failure to receive the treatment could deny an adult with a lifelong disability access to treatment which would lead to a marked improvement in their quality of life.
- vi. The chosen treatment is cost-effective, that is:
 - the expected long term savings to the health care system outweigh the initial costs of the treatment; and/or
 - the dollar costs per unit of benefit are acceptable when evaluated against other MoH priorities.

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- vii. Treatment would lead to reasonable prospects of survival and to an improved quality of life after treatment.

2.3 Complex cases

A complex case is a case that may require case management due to complexity, rarity and high cost, which is not adequately compensated for by WIES methodology, and where there is significant risk that neither the MoH nor the DHB can control.

3. How to apply

All applications for funding through the Special High Cost Treatment Pool will be received by the Chief Advisor and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

All applications must be made prior to the commencement of or commitment to treatment. Retrospective funding will not be made available.

The exception to this is Complex Cases, where, for acute treatments you must send your completed application for consideration by the Chief Advisor on the day that the patient is identified as possibly meeting the criteria, except that where that day is not a working day you must send your application on the next working day.

Applications should be made on the attached form and accompanied by supporting evidence and costing information. Forms should be sent to:

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Clinical Leadership, Protection & Regulation Business Unit
Ministry of Health
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WELLINGTON 6140
Email: david_stgeorge@moh.govt.nz

4. Funding levels and arrangements

Prices for Special High Cost Treatments will be determined individually but standardised wherever possible.

In Complex Cases we may agree to an arrangement where the cost of the Complex Case is shared between each of us. We will determine the extent to which we each contribute to the cost of the Complex Case and in doing so, will take into account a number of factors, including (without limitation):

- The variability of the cost profile for the Complex Cases involved; and
- Whether the DHB is in a position to balance the cost variation across

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- other Services they provide; and
- The level of any Severity/Complexity Adjuster we have already paid to you.

All applications must be accompanied by a quote on letterhead from the organisation providing and co-ordinating the treatment.

In most instances the requirement for payment will be one aggregated invoice for all components of the treatment unless otherwise agreed prior to the commencement of the treatment.