

Rongoā

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Tena koutou katoa. Anei nga pitopito korero o te panui tua ono o Rongoā. Welcome to the sixth edition of Rongoā – the monthly newsletter (panui) of the DHBs' Community Pharmacy Services programme.

If you have any suggestions for future topics, please drop us a line at: pharmacy@tas.health.nz

Community pharmacy services National Annual Agreement Review: draft minutes 3 December 2018 published

Draft minutes from the first meeting of the National Annual Agreement Review of the DHBs' services contract with community pharmacy providers are now available on the TAS website.

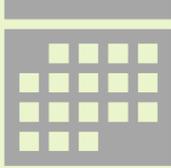
All participants have had the opportunity to review the minutes of the 3 December 2018 meeting, and they will be ratified at the next meeting on 28 March. DHBs are committed to a transparent process, and draft minutes will be published after each meeting of the National Annual Agreement Review of the Integrated Community Pharmacy Services Agreement.

Participating in the 3 December 2018 meeting were DHB and Ministry of Health representatives, five sector representative organisations, and an independent contract-holder from Wellington. The five sector representatives were the Pharmacy Guild of New Zealand, Green Cross Health, Nirvana Pharmacy Group, Pharmacy Partners and Countdown. They described the first meeting as positive and collaborative in a statement issued in December.

The Review must be completed by the end of June, so recommendations can go to DHB Chief Executives and any changes to the contract arising from the National Annual Agreement Review can take place before the contract's first anniversary date of 1 October 2019.

[Download draft National Annual Agreement Review meeting minutes 3 December 2018](#)

March ICPSA payments for contract-holders



Claim/Batch Payments: March 5, March 12, March 20, March 28

Case Mix Service Fees: March 1

Final Case Mix Service Fee payments: March 29

Monthly LTC Service Fees: March 11

Additional Professional Advisory Services (APAS) Payment : March 14

For the full 12 month calendar, download the [ICPSA Payment Calendar here.](#)

Community Pharmacy final Case Mix Service Fee payments due end of month

Final Case Mix Service Fee payments for the period July 2017 – September 2018 are due. This payment is an adjustment, calculated to ensure you are paid for any claims, beyond the interim cut-off date. It includes credits, re-submits and late claims, that have not been included in the interim actual case mix fees paid to you during this period. This payment will be paid to community pharmacies on **Friday 29 March 2019**. You can view this payment in your Community Pharmacy Portal that day, and a hard copy of your remittance advice will follow. In most cases payments and recoveries involved will follow the normal process that applies to your Case Mix Service Fees.

Making sense of your remittance advice. Your remittance advice will have:

Thirty line items (2 line items for each month - a reversal and a final actual) for your Case Mix Service Fees (or a lesser number of lines for the number of months claimed if a change of ownership)

Please contact your DHB Portfolio Manager if you have any queries.

ICPSA Monitoring Report online now



The first monitoring report to be aligned with the Integrated Community Pharmacy Services Agreement (ICPSA) has just been published online. The report shows the amount that community pharmacies receive through the national ICPSA.

A quick over-view of other data related to community pharmacy is also profiled in the report.

[Download the ICPSA December 2018 Monitoring report here](#)

Māori Pharmacists' Association head to Matatini

Last month the nation's capital hosted one of the largest indigenous festivals in the world, and Ngā Kaitiaki o Te Puna Rongoā (Māori Pharmacists' Association) were on hand to tautoko (support) the event.

Over 60,000 people attended Te Matatini Ki Te Ao 2019, held over four days at Wellington's Westpac Stadium. The bi-annual festival is a celebration of kapa haka excellence, and a significant cultural event on the Māori calendar.



Matatini 2019 was held at Westpac Stadium over four days in late February.



(L-R) Nora-Jayne Parore and Taylor Tuhikarama.



Taylor discussing an enquiry with a festival-goer.



Minister for Maori Development, Hon Nanaia Mahuta, stopped by the Ngā Kaitiaki o Te Puna Rongoā expo site.

The Māori Pharmacists' Association (MPA) were among the collective of organisations in the Hauora Village, a section within the stadium dedicated to promoting health services and information to festival goers. Nora-Jayne Parore (Ngāti Whatua, Nga Puhī), and Taylor Tuhikarama (Tainui) volunteered for the first 2 day shift at the MPA stall. Both work at community pharmacies, and said Te Matatini provided a great opportunity to get out behind the confines of the pharmacy counter and go out to the people and serve their needs.

Over the course of the festival, other members of MPA came on board to support the kaupapa. On the Friday, Arthur Bauld (Ngāti Wai/Ngāpuhi/Te Rarawa/Ngāti Toa/Ngāti Raukawa) joined Nora-Jayne and Taylor at the stall. The weekend saw a change in MPA staff with Leanne Te Karu, Anna Kyle and Chantae Bridges, taking over volunteer duties.

“We are here not only to promote and educate people about pharmacy and what the Māori Pharmacists' Association is all about,” said Taylor, “but we are here also to talk to whānau about what pharmacists can do to help them with their health, such as medication management. So far we've had quite a few people drop by with medication enquiries and wanting to know where they should go to for further health advice.”

The integration of pharmacist services within the community was also put into action at the event. “As Māori Pharmacists,” said Nora-Jayne, “we play our part and collaborate with other health roopu (groups) in the Hauora Village. GPs and nurses across from our stall are providing cardiovascular risk assessments and sending over some patients when they were finished.”

In return for giving advice about medication, and talking with students interested in pharmacy as a career, Nora-Jayne said the MPA were rewarded with valuable information from the experience.

“And as a result we have learned about what other services are doing out there in the community. I know community pharmacy well as a pharmacist, but I don’t know the in-depth details of these other organisations. By learning these things, then I can do better for my patients, for my people, and for health in general in Aotearoa.”

In addition, Nora-Jayne says the experience has also prompted the need for reflection. “Some of the kōrero with whānau has involved some of the barriers that have happened to our people in pharmacy. Why people aren’t getting their medicines, and what stops them. I think that is something that Māori Pharmacists can take away and think about as well in the future.”

The next Matatini festival will be held at Eden Park in Auckland in 2021, however the Māori Pharmacists’ Association are scheduling other events and opportunities in the meantime, where they can support to promote the kaupapa of pharmacy.



What value do you think pharmacists can add to your community?

Some Te Matatini Festival attendees, were asked this question at the Māori Pharmacists’ Association site. Here are responses from three festival-goers.

Festival-goer 1: “I think the chemist should become a community education point, because a lot of families, especially Māori families can’t afford to go to the GPs, so they don’t go and end up in hospital. If the chemists become the community hub, then I think they will do more. That’s what I think they should do anyway. The place where it’s open for the community for advice, or where they should go to or what should they do.”



Festival-goer 2: “They could make it easier to access medications especially for whānau who are unable to go to pharmacies. They have started doing that with no cost medication, and medications covered through health. But they can add value just through reaching out to the community really, and asking them if they needed help.”

Festival-goer 3: “Pharmacists provide a service that can help the community in terms of medicine, which helps families with all their sicknesses. If their sicknesses are taken care of, I think the whole community will benefit.”

Ngā Kaitiaki o Te Puna Rongoā held their first AGM in 2005 and today has over registered 120 members.

In the 2018 Pharmacy Council Workforce Demographic report, 2 % of practising pharmacists (out of a total of 3,787) identified as Māori.

For more info about the group go to: <http://www.maoriparmacists.org.nz/>

New chair for DHBs' Expert Advisory Group

The DHBs' Expert Advisory Group (EAG) for community pharmacy services has elected a new chair, Graeme Norton, who brings a consumer perspective to the role. Graeme, who has served on the EAG since it was set up in 2016, is also chair of Health Consumers Councils of New Zealand. He takes over chairing the EAG from Hawke's Bay District Health Board Chief Executive Dr Kevin Snee.



Graeme Norton is the new Chair of the DHBs' External Advisory Group for community pharmacy services.

The EAG met for the first time in 2019 on 12 February, and considered a revised Terms of Reference that aligns more closely with the Integrated Community Pharmacy Services Agreement, and also discussed their work programme. The [Terms of Reference](#) have been posted on the TAS website, and the work programme will be posted when finalised.

The Group's functions include:

- providing expert advice about community pharmacy services, including advice on service design and service models.
- providing expert advice in relation to changes that could be made to the Integrated Community Pharmacy Services Agreement (ICPSA) for consideration as part of the ICPSA National Annual Agreement Review.
- receiving and considering matters referred to it as part of the ICPSA National Annual Agreement Review.

EAG members include representatives of DHBs, consumers, pharmacists, provider representatives, and the Ministry of Health. A full list can be found [on the TAS website](#).

[Draft minutes of the meeting](#) are available on the TAS website. They will be ratified at the next meeting on 16 April.

Expressions of Interest for provider representative on the Expert Advisory Group

DHBs are calling for expressions of interest from people interested in joining the DHBs' Pharmacy Expert Advisory Group as a provider representative. A provider representative is a person or an organisation appointed by at least one community pharmacy services contract-holder to represent them. Contract-holders can represent themselves. The provider representative can be (but does not need to be) a practicing pharmacist.

On the TAS website, you can find:

- [Information about the Expression of Interest](#)
- [The Expression of Interest form](#)

Please note, community pharmacy provider organisations may be running processes within their own groups for member nominations.

The DHB Expression of Interest form accompanied by a CV, needs to be received at: pharmacyexpertadvisorygroup@tas.health.nz by 5.00pm, 22 March 2019.

More information about the [Expert Advisory Group](#) can be found on the TAS website.

Have Your Say: Therapeutic Products Bill consultation closes next month

On 18 April, public submissions on the draft Therapeutic Products Bill will close. The bill is being developed to replace the Medicines Act 1981 (and its associated regulations) and establish a new regulatory scheme for therapeutic products. Submissions can be made via the Ministry of Health's online consultation tool (link at end of article), however electronic submissions will be accepted if you are unable to use the tool.



An information session to explain the draft Bill was delivered by the Ministry on 11 February in Wellington. The focus of the session was to help those with an in-depth interest in the technical aspects of the new regulatory scheme to understand how the provisions in the draft Bill work, and included a section focused on pharmacy.

The presentation, including an audio recording of the presentation are available in the link below:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/therapeutic-products-regulatory-scheme-consultation>

Therapeutic Products Bill Online Consultation Tool:

<https://consult.health.govt.nz/medsafe/therapeutic-products-exposure-draft-consultation/>

Submissions close 5.00 pm, Thursday 18 April 2019.

Campaign promotes testing and treatment of Hep C Virus

'Get Hep C Tested' is a three month national campaign that began on 25 February. Run by the Hepatitis Foundation of New Zealand, Ministry of Health and Health Promotion Agency. The initiative is focused on the more than 20,000 people in New Zealand who do not know they have hepatitis C. People can get hepatitis C in many ways, like getting tattooed, but the most common is from sharing needles. Left untreated it can lead to liver cancer.



On 1 February, PHARMAC starting funding a life-changing new medicine called Maviret (glecaprevir and pibrentasvir) for those living with Hepatitis C, regardless of the type of Hepatitis C virus they have. Only pharmacies enrolled in the Maviret AbbVie Care Pharmacy Programme can order and dispense Maviret.

To learn more about the campaign on the [Hepatitis Foundation website click here](#)

Information about the Maviret treatment on the [PHARMAC website can be found here.](#)

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