

30 August 2014

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Dear Mr McCready

Official Information Act 1982 – Notification of Time Extension

On 10 July 2014 you asked for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (Act):

“1. Re which acupuncture and Chiropractic "modalities" are funded, you said the information was available on your website under the heading "ACC payment for services". An advanced search on your website for this exact phrase gets 200 hits. Would you be so kind as to provide me with the link to which you refer.

2. I asked who the experts were and you failed to tell me. Will you please provide me with the names and qualifications of your research team which did the 2011 literature review of acupuncture. Please provide me with a copy of their report, any recommendations they made and any material which will help me understand their decision. Were members of your research team unanimous on each recommendation and if not so, please provide dissenting conclusions and reasons.

3. A) Other than for musculoskeletal pain, do you fund acupuncture for treatment of any other conditions? B) Do you limit payments for musculoskeletal pain to chronic neck and chronic shoulder pain? C) Do you fund acupuncture for non-chronic pain? If the answers to any of these three questions is yes, please provide the scientific reasons for your decision to continue to do so.

4. You have failed to address my questions in regard to chiropractic. Will you please do so as restated here: upon what scientific evidence do you continue to fund some chiropractic "modalities" and exclude other chiropractic "modalities". What are the names and qualifications of the experts on whom you rely for such decisions. Please provide me with a copy of any report, any recommendations and any material which will help me understand your decision to continue funding chiropractic "modalities". Were your experts assessing chiropractic unanimous on each recommendation and if not so, please provide dissenting conclusions and reasons.”

ACC needs an extra 20 working days until 4 September 2014 to consult in order to make a decision on your request. This extension complies with Section 15A of the Act.

Please contact me on Lisa.White@acc.co.nz if you would like to talk about this letter. I will be happy to answer any questions or, if you have any concerns, work with you to resolve these.

If you are still not happy, you may make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman. You can call them on 0800 802 602, 9am to 5pm weekdays, or write to:

The Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10 152
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Yours sincerely



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