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Tēnā koe Erika

Your Official Information Act request, reference: HNZ00008446

Thank you for your email on 7 December 2022 asking for information which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

As you may be aware a new government agency, Health New Zealand (Health NZ), was established on 1 July 2022 pursuant to the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022. As such, the functions previously under the former District Health Boards have transferred to Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand. As the matters you have raised now fall under the functions of Te Whatu Ora, our agency will respond to your request.

You asked:

“For the administering of each single Comirnaty dose, how much was paid to the following health persons for each dose:

-Doctor

-Nurse

-Pharmacist

Were these amounts paid for each dosage with GST exclusive or GST inclusive?

Districts, formerly known as District Health Boards (DHBs), claim against the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) for COVID-19 vaccination expenses. This will often include claiming for services provided themselves, payments made to other organisations (for example, for direct vaccine delivery services) or for bulk funding to train or reach segments of the community and other associated costs. These claims will all be made on an invoice basis. Former DHBs can also commission on a price per dose (PPD) basis and this funding is passed from the Ministry to former DHBs, and on to service providers.

General practice clinics that provide primary care are paid to deliver the COVID-19 vaccine. General practice clinics are funded in one of two ways, either through an individual contract with their former DHB or via PPD. PPD is the most common funding method.

There is a set PPD rate of \$36.05 paid to participating primary care providers (including pharmacies) during normal business hours, and a rate of \$48.72 PPD outside of normal hours (i.e., between 8pm and 8am, and between 5pm Friday and 8am Monday, and including public holidays). The cost of vaccinations is covered by central government, via the COVID-19 Response and Recovery fund.

The amounts paid were inclusive of GST.

Kindly share the same payment amounts for in regards to PCR tests and RAT tests and their GST status.

Payment amounts for a GP or Nurse to undertake a PCR test or supervised Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) was \$120.00. Payment amounts for Pharmacists to undertake a supervised RAT was \$45.00

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzoia@health.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

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Nāku iti noa, nā



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