

EXTENDED PHARMACY SERVICES

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WHAT IS EPS?

Extended Pharmacy Services (EPS) enables community pharmacies to provide funded consultations and treatment for specified common health needs. It operates under Schedule 3A.7 of the Integrated Community Pharmacy Services Agreement (ICPSA). A pharmacy accepts the applicable terms and conditions when submitting an EPS claim.

BEFORE PROVIDING THE SERVICE

Confirm the person:

- Is eligible for publicly funded health services in New Zealand
- Has an approved health need
- Meets the relevant eligibility criteria
- Has consented to the consultation, management plan, and applicable copayments

CONSULTATION CLAIMING RULES

- Claim no more than one consultation per person per day.
- Where one consultation covers multiple eligible health needs, select all relevant service types and submit one consultation claim only.
- Where eligible whānau are being treated for the same health need, submit one consultation claim only, covering everyone treated.
- An eligibility check alone is not claimable.
- A consultation remains claimable where the outcome is advice only, or referral to another healthcare provider.
- A referral to another pharmacy for completion of the EPS consultation is not claimable by the referring pharmacy.
- Standard dispensing rules apply.

Start Date	Approved Health Need	Eligibility Criteria	Approved Funded Pharmaceutical Items *(refer to latest Pharmaceutical Schedule for further information)	CSC Consultation Co-payment	Non-CSC Consultation Co-payment
2-Jun-26	Acute Analgesia and Fever Management	Under 14 years old	paracetamol oral liquid or blister pack*; ibuprofen oral liquid	\$5	\$20
2-Jun-26	Acute Oral Rehydration	Under 14 years old	compound electrolytes; compound electrolytes with glucose	\$5	\$20
2-Jun-26	Acute Conjunctivitis	Under 14 years old	chloramphenicol eye drops or eye ointment	\$5	\$20
2-Jun-26	Headlice Treatment	Under 14 years old, and whānau to be treated for the same health need	dimethicone 4% lotion	\$5	\$20
2-Jun-26	Scabies Treatment	Under 14 years old, and whānau to be treated for the same health need	permethrin 5% lotion	\$0	\$0
1-Oct-26	Minor Bacterial Skin Infection	Under 14 years old	hydrogen peroxide 1% cream; povidone iodine 10% solution*	\$5	\$20
1-Oct-26	Minor Fungal Skin Infection	Under 14 years old	clotrimazole 1% cream; miconazole nitrate 2% cream; hydrocortisone 1% with miconazole nitrate 2% cream	\$5	\$20
1-Oct-26	Mild Dermatitis	Under 14 years old	aqueous cream; cetomacrogol; cetomacrogol with glycerol; emulsifying ointment; oil in water emulsion; paraffin 50%/50%; zinc and castor oil ointment; hydrocortisone 1% cream*	\$5	\$20
1-Oct-26	Acute Uncomplicated Oral Candidiasis	Under 14 years old	miconazole oral gel; nystatin oral liquid	\$5	\$20
2-Jun-26	Emergency Contraception	Women under 30 years old	levonorgestrel 1.5 mg	\$0	\$0
1-Oct-26	Oral Contraception	Women aged 16 to 52 years old (inclusive)	ethinylloestradiol (35 mcg or less) with norethisterone or levonorgestrel*; desogestrel; levonorgestrel; norethisterone	\$5	\$20
2-Jun-26	Acute Uncomplicated Urinary Tract Infection	Women aged 16 to 65 years old (inclusive)	nitrofurantoin 100 mg modified-release; trimethoprim 300 mg	\$5	\$20
1-Oct-26	Acute Uncomplicated Vulvovaginal Candidiasis	Women, CSC holder, aged 18 years old and over	clotrimazole 1% or 2% vaginal cream; miconazole nitrate 2% vaginal cream; nystatin vaginal cream; fluconazole 150 mg*	\$5	N/A

IMPORTANT: Pharmacists must confirm patient eligibility and suitability, supply only approved pharmaceutical items, and comply with the relevant Approved Health Need specification, Schedule 3A.7 of the ICPSA, the Pharmaceutical Schedule, and all applicable professional, legislative, medicine classification, and dispensing requirements. For more information see the [Extended pharmacy services](#) website.