

General Information

Please use the Halcyon Web Portal Form: Palliative Care Visit to claim funding for qualifying individuals.

Programme Information

This programme funds End of Life care home visits and practice consults up to a capped amount for patients enrolled in West Coast Health General Practices

Programme Objectives

- To relieve any potential financial barriers for patients and their whānau in the end of life stage of their illnesses.
- To reimburse general practitioners for home visits and practice consultations for palliative care patients.

Eligibility Criteria

- Enrolled in the West Coast Health General Practice.
- Patient is in the End of Life stage of their illness.

Programme Process

1. Obtain consent from patient to enrol them in programme.
2. Provide patient information sheet to explain the programme.
3. Arrange either home or practice visits for patient.
 - a. 'Virtual consultations' between a GP and palliative care/oncology nurse may also be claimed at the practice consultation rate. 'Virtual consultations' are those where the palliative care nurse has provided a home visit to the patient and then needs to discuss management with the GP. A consultation note and usually a prescription would be written.
 - b. One post-bereavement whānau visit or consultation may be claimed.
4. Claim funding via Halcyon portal (no co-payment charged to patient).
5. ***It is important to coordinate your services with those of others caring for the patient (e.g. district nurses) and to respect their role. Writing management details in the shared care communication booklet will assist with this.

Co-payment

No co-payment is allowed.

End of Life Care (formerly 'Palliative Care')

Practice Information

Last updated: July 2026



Payment

Up to \$500 per patient over 6 months unless further approval is obtained**

- Home Visit: \$126.00
- Practice Visit: \$79.00

** For further approval, please email Danielle Dawson: danielle.dawson@westcoasthealth.nz with the following information:

- Diagnosis
- Time since diagnosis
- Purpose of visits to date
- Reason why further home or clinic visits are required

Pharmacy/Medication

There is no funding for Palliative or End of Life medications through this programme.