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16 May 2024	Introduction of an Internal Examination Rate in the Accident Compensation Cost of Treatment Regulations	Office of Minister for ACC
23 May 2024	Accident Compensation (Liability to Pay or Contribute to Cost of Treatment) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024 LEG-24-MIN-0096 Minute	Cabinet Office

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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Accident Compensation (Liability to Pay or Contribute to Cost of Treatment) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024

Portfolio ACC

On 23 May 2024, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in August 2023, the previous government agreed to:
 - 1.1 implement bespoke payment increases for treatment providers ranging from 3.56 percent to 7.90 percent based on Multi-Employer Collective Agreement increases since July 2021 and other additional employer costs;
 - 1.2 introduce a new rate for internal examinations for maternal birth injuries at \$41.34 for a < 20 minute procedure and consumables;

[SWC-23-MIN-0111]
- 2 **noted** that in March 2024, the Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG) authorised the submission of the Accident Compensation (Liability to Pay or Contribute to Cost of Treatment) Amendment Regulations 2024 to the Executive Council [LEG-24-MIN-0050];
- 3 **noted** that the new rate for internal examinations was inadvertently not included in the amendment regulations authorised by LEG on 28 March 2024;
- 4 **noted** that the Accident Compensation (Liability to Pay or Contribute to Cost of Treatment) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024 (the No 2 Amendment Regulations) will give effect to the decision referred to in paragraph 1.2 above;
- 5 **noted** that section 324(2) of the Accident Compensation Act 2001 requires that the responsible Minister receive a recommendation from ACC and be satisfied that consultation with the persons and organisations the Minister considers appropriate has occurred before recommending the making of an Order in Council under section 324;
- 6 **noted** the advice of the Minister for ACC that this requirement has been met;
- 7 **noted** that a waiver of the 28-day rule is sought on the grounds of correcting an administrative error so that the No 2 Amendment Regulations can come into force on 1 June 2024, at the same time as the Amendment Regulations agreed by LEG in March 2024;
- 8 **agreed** to waive the 28-day rule so that the No 2 Amendment Regulations can come into force on 1 June 2024;

9 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the No 2 Amendment Regulations [PCO 26444/6.0].

Sam Moffett
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Chris Bishop (Chair)
Hon Dr Shane Reti
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Matt Doocey
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Andrew Bayly
Hon Chris Penk
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon Andrew Hoggard
Jamie Arbuckle, MP

Officials present from:

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Office of the Leader of the House