

## What services are included in the contract?

The contract includes consultations provided by orthotists as well as orthoses provided by orthotists and podiatrists.

## Why doesn't the contract include consultation rates for podiatrists?

Podiatrist consultations are covered already by the ACC Cost of Treatment Regulation (CoTR).

## Why aren't orthoses provided by physiotherapists and other health specialists included?

Orthotists and podiatrists are the main providers of orthoses to ACC clients followed by physiotherapists and to a much lesser extent other health practitioners.

Other ACC contracts include orthoses and consideration is being given to include orthoses in the physiotherapy contract.

## What does this mean for physiotherapists and others who aren't included?

There will be no change to current arrangements.

## Why are orthotists required to be accredited members of the New Zealand Orthotist and Prosthetist Association (NZOPA) to provide Orthotic Services?

Orthotists are not covered by the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 or the CoTR. In the absence of a regulatory body, the professional association, the NZOPA, is the best way to ensure professional standards.

## How were the consultation rates for orthotists decided?

Market research was carried out and the consultation rates for comparable allied health practitioners (eg those covered by the CoTR) were taken into account.

The proposal for both a simple and complex consultation rate (with associated follow-ups) reflects discussion with current suppliers.

## How was the \$300 for orthosis per claim determined?

Over 80% of current ACC claims are for orthoses with a cost of under \$300 per claim.

## What is an open application process?

A supplier will be offered a contract if the supplier meets the contractual and due diligence requirements.

The initial call for applications will have a cut off date in order to have a clear transition from the old process to the new on 1 July. However, an application process will continue to apply post 1 July so that new suppliers can be added.

## How long before the operational guidelines are available?

We aim to have the draft operational guidelines available prior to the 8 March 2017 webinar.