

## **Integrated Community Pharmacy Services Agreement National Annual Agreement Review 2023 Meeting 1, Part 1, 24 May 2023**

### **Statement**

The first meeting of the Integrated Community Pharmacy Services Agreement (ICPSA) National Annual Agreement Review (NAAR) 2023 took place on 24 May 2023.

Attending were representatives for providers, Te Whatu Ora, and observers from the Ministry of Health, the Pacific Pharmacists Association, the Pharmaceutical Society, and the Pharmacy Council.

The meeting discussed the funding uplift proposal from Te Whatu Ora: 5% price uplift for the term of the ICPSA 1/10/23 to 30/9/24, and a 29.5% uplift to the immunisation administration fee taking it to \$36.05 (excluding GST - the same as primary care) from 1 July 2023. Representatives fed back that the 5% uplift offer was not sufficient given wage and cost pressures being faced by the sector.

The meeting agreed to Te Whatu Ora's request to make a compulsory variation to the ICPSA to enable the removal of the standard \$5 prescription co-payment clauses from the agreement from 1 July 2023. The draft variation will be discussed at the next NAAR meeting.

The meeting discussed a number of the topics put forward by representatives for NAAR 2023. The remaining topics put forward will be discussed when the next NAAR meeting can be scheduled. The independent Chair resigned 26 May 2023 and nominations for a new chair are being put forward and considered currently.

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