

Optometrists only- If eye disease present other than cataract please state here (or please append computerised version)

Problem/Long term classification list (or please append computerised version); **Any Issues relevant for anaesthetist**

Drug List and Dosages (or please append computerised version)

Allergies (including LATEX) (or please append computerised version)

DIRECT ACCESS CATARACT REFERRAL CRITERIA
This referral process is available to patients who are generally fit and can travel for surgery, without significant other eye disease.
Patients who score 16 points or above on first presentation to GP are eligible for WCDHB subsidised referral to Optometrist to complete this form.
Patients who score 21 points or above on first presentation to Optometrist are eligible for WCDHB subsidised visit to GP
After assessment by both GP and Optometrist, patients who score a total of 21 points or above are suitable for referral to Ophthalmology using this form.

TRAVEL ASSISTANCE FOR PATIENTS
All patients must be registered with the Ministry of Health's Travel Assistance Scheme before they can claim for assistance.

Who is eligible? Any patient with a Community Services Card or travelling more than 350 km one way

To be able to make a claim the patient must have a letter confirming their specialist appointment which also states that the visit is publicly funded.

Claims for assistance can include both travel and accommodation assistance costs.

CAN PATIENTS CLAIM FOR THE COSTS OF A SUPPORT PERSON?
Under certain circumstances patients may also be eligible for assistance towards a support person's costs.

The support person must be registered with the Scheme before a claim can be made for their costs.

Rebates Available:
Accommodation: \$75.00 per night
Private Car: \$0.20 per km

When a child is eligible for travel and accommodation assistance, they will always be eligible for assistance towards a support person's costs.

HOW DOES THE PATIENT CLAIM?
Contact the Grey Base Hospital Social Workers: (03) 768 0499 ext: 2840
OR
Contact the Ministry of Health, National Travel Assistance
PO Box 1026, Wellington
Ph: 0800 281 222 (press 2)