



West Coast District Health Board

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EXPENSES MET BY WEST COAST DHB FOR OBSTETRIC PATIENTS TRAVELLING TO CHRISTCHURCH AND OTHER CENTRES DURING TEMPORARY DISRUPTION TO SECONDARY SERVICES AT GREY HOSPITAL : JULY 2010

This document confirms what reasonable expenses we are providing for patients to travel to Christchurch or other centres due to their obstetric requirements during the temporary disruption to normal secondary services at Grey Base Hospital during July 2010.

On **receipt of a referral** to the Social Work Department the following will be actioned:

- Accommodation for the patient (and any dependent children who may need to be with their Mum) and one support person will be arranged for you in suitable accommodation at Christchurch/other centre. Additional costs, including all meals and telephone calls need to be met by yourself.
- Private accommodation will be reimbursed at \$25.00 per night, per patient (inclusive of dependent children and support person) only.
- Public transport to Christchurch/other centres for yourself and dependent children, plus one support person; **or**
- Reimbursement each way for mileage costs to and from Christchurch/other centres if you choose to use private vehicles - this is at the rate of 27c/km. One return trip per week for the support person is payable for those who are there more than one week. **Please note:** You may be provided with petrol vouchers when you first travel - this is for a return trip and will not be reimbursed again separately.
- If you need to use public transport from your accommodation to and from treatment you will need to retain receipts and present them to us in order to claim for reimbursement. Transport for other visits you may make (eg, visits to shops, friends etc) is at your own cost and will not be reimbursed by us.

These reimbursements are based on the National Travel Assistance rates used nationally throughout New Zealand.

If you need additional information or if these arrangements would result in undue hardship please contact:

Social Work - Grey Hospital	Ph: 03 769 7400 ext 2831
Social Work- Hokitika Health Centre	Ph: 03 756 9900 ext 7807
Social Work – Buller Hospital	Ph: 03 788 9030 ext 8718

This document ceases to have effect when usual secondary services are resumed at Grey Base Hospital; whereafter, the National Travel Assistance policy will take full effect again for patients and their supporters to apply for travel and accommodation assistance, if they meet the usual criteria to do so.

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