

Patients Eligible for Publicly Funded Health and Disability Services

Checking the eligibility of patients is the responsibility of all health providers who administer government subsidised care. The 2003 Eligibility Direction of the Minister of Health sets out the eligibility criteria for publicly funded health and disability services in New Zealand. Only people who meet the eligibility criteria defined in the Eligibility Direction can receive publicly funded (i.e., free or subsidised) health and disability services. A person may be asked to show proof that they meet the eligibility criteria. It is therefore the responsibility of Counties Manukau DHB to ensure that all patients accepted for public funded specialist treatment are eligible for treatment.

When a patient is referred to CMDHB as an Outpatient, please can you ensure that a copy of relevant documents is attached to the referral that will indicate if the patient is eligible for treatment.

Documents and required information:

- **NZ Citizen, including Cook Island, Niue & Tokelau nationals**
Copy of NZ birth certificate or front (photo) page of NZ passport or certificate of NZ citizenship.
- **Citizen of Australia or United Kingdom visiting NZ**
Copy of front page (photo) page of passport. For UK Visitors, copy of your visitors permit.
- **Australian Citizen living permanently in NZ**
Copy of front (photo) page of passport and copy of a document demonstrating that you permanently reside in NZ. E.g: Telephone or power bill, land/water rate, tenancy agreement or a letter from your employer.
- **New Zealand Permanent Resident**
Copy of front (photo) page of passport and returning Resident's Visa & Residence Permit Stamp.
- **Holder of a Work Permit(s) that allows a stay of 2 consecutive years or more**
Copy of front (photo) page of passport and current permit.
Please note: If your current permit is issued for less than 2 years then we also require a copy of all your previous (renewed) permits as well.
- **Refugee, Refugee Claimant or Appellant**
Copy of front page of passport or NZIS Certificate of Identity and residence permit or letter from NZIS Refugee Status Branch stating you have been granted refugee status or if applying for or appealing a decision on your refugee status, copy of a letter of acknowledgment from the NZIS Refugee Status Branch.
Please note: Letters must be dated within the last 6 months.
- **Children**
All children born after the 1st of January 2006 no longer automatically become New Zealand citizens. A copy of their birth certificate or passport or alternatively their parents/guardians birth certificate or passport are required to determine eligibility.
- **None of the above?**
Copy of front (photo) page of passport and copy of all NZ visas and permit stamp.

If you require further information, please email eligibility@moh.govt.nz or go to the website www.moh.govt.nz/eligibility