

THROAT SWAB - CLAIMING

General practitioners and nurses are able to provide patients with a free throat swab service if the patient meets the following criteria:

- patients aged between 4-19 years and of Māori/Pacific ethnicity; or
- patients aged 4-19 years and living in deprived areas (Quintile 5) \
- household contacts (aged between 3-35 years) of eligible patients (above criteria) who have had a positive swab result.
- Patients domiciled in Te Whatu Ora Waikato area.

Service components:

- Claims can be initiated by a registered nurse/GP.
- Only 1 claim per throat swab can be submitted.
- A patient that has returned to the practice with another episode of a sore throat, following a previous negative throat swab, can have another funded swab under a new referral where clinically indicated.

Claiming Guidelines:

- Please make your claim via Primary Options, select RF Throat Swab - eligible pop or RF Throat Swab - household contact and then attach the appropriate invoice(s).
- Prices are GST inclusive.
- **RF throat swab – eligible pop: \$18.40**
The claim for a throat swab for a patient who meets criteria for eligible population.
- **RF throat swab – household contact: \$18.40**
The claim for a throat swab for a patient who meets the criteria for household contact.
- Submit your referral via Primary Options by selecting the appropriate service from the following:
 - RF throat swab – eligible population
 - RF throat swab – household contact.
- Once the result for the swab is received, please lodge an 'Outcome' for the case.
- Due to reporting requirements, the result of the swab needs to be included as well as the name of the antibiotic prescribed if the result of the swab is positive.
- Payment for the swab cannot be made until the outcome has been lodged with the required information.