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(Room 9)

17:30 - 18:30 Are Your Patients Getting all their Entitlements from Work & Income?



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Ko ta mātou he whakamana tangata kia tū haumarū, kia tū kaha, kia tū motuhake



Do You Feel an ABBA Song coming on?

Money Money Money

Must be Funny

In a Rich Man's World.....

Work and Income

- Part of the Ministry of Social Development
- The Social Security Act 2018 – assistance that Work and Income can provide
- Provide **Income** support and **Employment** assistance

What's Work & Income to Me (as a GP)

- The financial safety net of people who are unable to work due to a health condition or disability as well as those out of a job;
- The evidence supporting the Health Benefits of Good Work is compelling;
- One in Ten Working-age adults (18 to 64 years) live on a Welfare Benefit;
- One in Five children in NZ live in a house hold with no one in paid work.

What are we talking about here?



What??

- Money – Main Benefit
- Medications – Supplementary Allowances
- Complementary Health Services
- Medical Alarms, Child Disability Allowance
- Equipment
- Bad Debt – and Re-direction
- And anything else you wish to talk about?

Who are we talking about here?

- You, Me, Patients, Parents, Advocates (agents)
- Work & Income (aka – WINZ)
- Ministry of Health
- DHB's
- ACC
- Pharmac
- Private Insurance

Let's start with Money

- NZ Average Household Income - \$67,000
- Average Wage (\$31.08/hr) - \$49,000
- “Living Wage” (\$21.15/hr) - \$44,000
- Minimum Wage (\$17.70/hr) - \$36,800
- Unemployment Benefit (\$6.02/hr) - \$12,511

- Superannuation - single - \$24,722
- Superannuation – couple - \$37,484

Financial Support

Jobseeker Support

- people available and looking for full-time work
- temporary deferral for sickness
- long term/ permanent condition with capacity to work

Sole Parent Support

- sole parents with dependent children under 14 years

Supported Living Payment

- people with serious health conditions or disability unable to work 15 hours or more a week
- caregivers looking after seriously ill people

Benefit Transition

• Unemployment Benefit • Sickness Benefit • Domestic Purposes Benefit (DPB) • Women Alone • Sole Parent if youngest child is aged 14 years or over	Jobseeker Support (JSS)
• Domestic Purposes Benefit - Sole Parent if youngest child is aged under 14 years	Sole Parent Support (SPS)
• Invalid's Benefit • Domestic Purposes Benefit – Care of Sick or Infirm	Supported Living Payment – (SLP)

The Financial Reality

Benefit Rates	April 2019	
	Net per week	Gross per year
• JSS<25yr	• \$182.47	\$10,601
• JSS>25yr	• \$218.98	\$12,722
• JSS couple (children)	• \$391.00	\$22,717
• SLP single	• \$273.70	\$16,063
• SLP Couple (children)	• \$482.20	\$28,017
• SPS (children)	• \$339.69	\$20,222

Let's Keep Perspective

- Government Spend of Welfare Benefits
- \$4.3 Billion
- Government Spend of Superannuation
- \$12 Billion

Additional Financial Support

Provide:

- Assistance with extra costs
 - Accommodation
 - Child care
 - Health and disability related costs
 - One off costs
 - Costs of returning to work
- Social Housing
 - Assessment of needs to access Social Housing
 - Contracts with providers
 - Tenancy reviews

Medications

- Primarily Pharmac country
- 2017/18 - \$871 Million (Combined Pharmaceutical Budget – CPB)
- 2018/19 - \$985 Million CPB
- Unfunded Items – Pharmac – Named Person Funding Assessment (Exceptional Circumstances)
- Work & Income

Equipment

- Primarily DHB land
- MoH play in this space too through DSS (Disability Support Services – under 65yrs)
- And so does ACC – First class service
- Lotteries Commission
- Work & Income – a safety net of sorts

Home Supports

- Murky area
- MoH – DSS for under 65yr olds
- DHB's for over 65yr olds
- Needs Assessment Agencies
- W&I are on the periphery

Complementary Health Services

- Work & Income perceived as a “catch all”
- Limited financial support through Disability Allowance
- Services expected to be “Supervised” and “Monitored” by a Registered Medical Practitioner
- Potential ethical conflict when the Doctor is also the provider

Other Stuff

- Power
- Telephone
- Internet
- Rental Equipment
- Gardening
- Doctor Visits
- Counselling

A Little Spice on the Taxpayer

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Accident

- ☐ Burns (190)
- ☐ Fractures, dislocations, soft tissue injury (191)
- ☐ Poisoning, toxic effects (192)
- ☐ Internal injuries (193)
- ☐ Injury to the nervous system (194)
- ☐ Back pain / injury (195)
- ☐ Overuse injury (RSI) (196)
- ☐ Complications of medical or surgical care (197)
- ☐ Other injury (198)

Other disorders

- ☒ Congenital conditions (103)
- ☐ Intellectual disability (164)
- ☐ Cancer (104)
- ☐ Infectious / parasitic diseases (105)
- ☐ Musculo-skeletal system disorder (106)
- ☐ Respiratory disorders (107)
- ☐ Genito-urinary disorders (108)
- ☐ Blood and blood forming organs (109)
- ☐ Skin disorders (110)
- ☐ Digestive system disorder (111)

4. Please indicate the expected duration of the disability:

☐ Less than 6 months ☐ There may be no entitlement to Disability Allowance

☐ 6 to 12 months ☐ 1 to 2 years ☐ 2 to 3 years ☒ Permanent ☐ Never reassess

Verification of doctor or specialist visits

5. Please list the type, cost and how often visits to doctors or specialists are necessary and result from the stated disability:

Type of consultation	Cost	How often (eg daily, weekly, monthly)?	Registered Medical Practitioner's initials
	\$		
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Items / services / treatments / pharmaceuticals

6. Please list the pharmaceuticals, items, services or treatments that are necessary and of therapeutic value for the stated disability:

Item / service / treatment / pharmaceutical	Registered Medical Practitioner's initials
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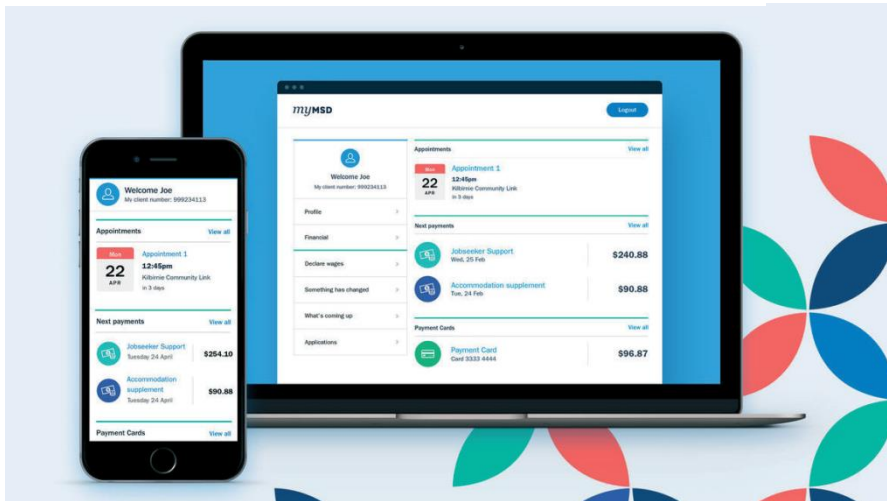
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In case the Doctors Writing is Hard to Read

- “Gentleman’s Club for Sexual Services from Woman Providers for Stress Relief”
- Disability Allowance claim for \$240 a fortnight
- Signed on 2 occasions by 2 different doctors

Making connecting with us easy



Questions and Suggestions

- Any questions?
- Any suggestions?
- And Thank You!
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