

 **Transfer Support**

The Primary Maternity Services Notice 2021 describes the *Transfer support* module as:

# DB18 Service specification: Transfer support

(1) The practitioner must provide the following services as required to a woman or her baby:

 (a) accompany the woman or baby in an air or road ambulance from their home or elsewhere in the community, or a primary maternity facility to a secondary or tertiary maternity facility.

# DB19 Payment rules: Transfer support

1. A practitioner may claim a maximum of one *Transfer support* module per woman or baby per day.
2. This module is claimable for air or road ambulance transfers that occur as a result of the woman requiring urgent care during pregnancy, labour and birth, and/or postpartum.
3. This module is claimable for air or road ambulance transfers that occur as a result of a neonate requiring urgent care after birth.
4. In order to be eligible to claim this module, the practitioner must accompany the woman or baby in the air or road ambulance, as the purpose of this payment is to contribute to the cost of the practitioner returning to their home or vehicle.
5. The level of payment for return travel will depend on the transfer starting point. The fee structure is available on the Ministry of Health website and is predicated on the StatsNZ urban area (UA) classification.

This document provides further information to support understanding of clause DB19.

There are four levels of fee payable for the *Transfer support* module. The amount of payment you receive depends on your transfer start point and your transfer end point. The Ministry of Health has developed a spoke and hub model to differentiate between the four levels of payment.

* Spokes include primary maternity facilities, secondary maternity facilities, and residential addresses.
* Hubs include secondary maternity facilities and tertiary maternity facilities.

**Ministry of Health Transfer Support Codes**

**(based on StatsNZ urban area (UA) classifications)**

* 1. Less than 30 minutes travel time (high/medium UA) $75.00
	2. 30–60 minutes travel time (low UA) $250.00
	3. 60–120 minutes travel time (remote UA) $450.00
	4. More than 120 minutes travel time (very remote UA) $670.50

# Spokes and Hubs

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| **Spoke**  | **Hub**  | **Code**  |
| **Lower South Island**  |  |  |
| Charlotte Jean Maternity Hospital Alexandra  | Queen Mary Hospital Dunedin  | 4  |
| Clutha Health First Hospital Balclutha  | Queen Mary Hospital Dunedin  | 3  |
| Gore Hospital Gore  | Southland Hospital Invercargill  | 2  |
| Lakes District Hospital Queenstown  | Queen Mary Hospital Dunedin  | 4  |
| Lumsden Maternity Centre Lumsden  | Southland Hospital Invercargill  | 3  |
| Oamaru Hospital Maternity Centre Oamaru  | Queen Mary Hospital Dunedin  | 3  |
| Winton Maternity & Health Centre Winton  | Southland Hospital Invercargill  | 1  |
| Southland Hospital Invercargill  | Queen Mary Hospital Dunedin  | 4  |
| **Central South Island**  |  |  |
| Ashburton Hospital Ashburton  | Christchurch Hospital Christchurch  | 3  |
| Darfield Hospital Darfield  | Christchurch Hospital Christchurch  | 2  |
| Greymouth Base Hospital Greymouth  | Christchurch Hospital Christchurch  | 4  |
| Kaikōura Health Kaikōura  | Christchurch Hospital Christchurch  | 4  |
| Kawatiri Birthing Unit Westport  | Greymouth Base Hospital Greymouth  | 3  |
| Lincoln Maternity Hospital Lincoln  | Christchurch Hospital Christchurch  | 1  |

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| **Spoke**  | **Hub**  | **Code**  |
| Rangiora Health Hub Rangiora  | Christchurch Hospital Christchurch  | 1  |
| St George’s Hospital Christchurch  | Christchurch Hospital Christchurch  | 1  |
| Timaru Hospital Timaru  | Christchurch Hospital Christchurch  | 4  |
| Waikari Hospital Waikari  | Christchurch Hospital Christchurch  | 3  |
| **Upper South Island – Lower North Island**  |  |  |
| Waioha Maternity Unit Hastings  | Hawke’s Bay Hospital Hastings  | 0  |
| Dannevirke Rural Community Hospital Dannevirke  | Palmerston North Hospital Palmerston North  | 2  |
| Golden Bay Community Hospital Tākaka  | Nelson Hospital Nelson  | 3  |
| Hawke’s Bay Hospital Hastings  | Wellington Hospital Wellington  | 4  |
| Horowhenua Health Centre Levin  | Palmerston North Hospital Palmerston North  | 2  |
| Hutt Valley Hospital Lower Hutt  | Wellington Hospital Wellington  | 1  |
| Kenepuru Maternity Unit Porirua  | Wellington Hospital Wellington  | 2  |
| Motueka Maternity Unit Motueka  | Nelson Hospital Nelson  | 2  |
| Nelson Hospital Nelson  | Wellington Hospital Wellington  | 4  |
| Otaihape Health Centre Taihape  | Whanganui Hospital Whanganui  | 3  |
| Paraparaumu Maternity Unit Paraparaumu  | Wellington Hospital Wellington  | 2  |
| Palmerston North Hospital Palmerston North  | Wellington Hospital Wellington  | 4  |
| Te Awakairangi Birthing Centre Lower Hutt  | Hutt Valley Hospital Lower Hutt  | 1  |
| Te Papaioea Birthing Centre Palmerston North  | Palmerston North Hospital Palmerston North  | 1  |
| Wairarapa Hospital Masterton  | Hutt Valley Hospital Lower Hutt  | 3  |
| Waimarino Health Raetahi  | Whanganui Hospital Whanganui  | 3  |
| Wairau Hospital Blenheim  | Wellington Hospital Wellington  | 4  |
| **Spoke**  | **Hub**  | **Code**  |
| Wairoa Hospital and Health Centre Wairoa  | Hawke’s Bay Hospital Hastings  | 3  |
| Whanganui Hospital Whanganui  | Wellington Hospital Wellington  | 4  |
| Whanganui Hospital Whanganui  | Palmerston North Hospital Palmerston North  | 2  |
| **Central North Island**  |  |  |
| Bethlehem Birthing Centre Tauranga  | Tauranga Hospital Tauranga  | 1  |
| Birth Care Huntly Huntly  | Waikato Hospital Hamilton  | 2  |
| Gisborne Hospital Gisborne  | Waikato Hospital Hamilton  | 4  |
| Hāwera Hospital Hāwera  | Taranaki Base Hospital New Plymouth  | 3  |
| Murupara Birthing Centre Murupara  | Rotorua Hospital Rotorua  | 2  |
| ~~Murupara Birthing Centre~~ ~~Murupara~~  | ~~Whakatane Hospital~~ ~~Whakatane~~ Option temporarily changed to Tauranga due to Whakatāne Hospital currently not offering secondary services - February 2025 | ~~3~~  |
| Murupara Birthing Centre Murupara | Tauranga HospitalTauranga | 4 |
| ~~Ōpōtiki Community Health Centre~~ ~~Ōpōtiki~~  | ~~Whakatāne Hospital~~ ~~Whakatāne~~ Option temporarily changed to Tauranga due to Whakatāne Hospital currently not offering secondary services - February 2025 | ~~2~~  |
| Ōpōtiki Community Health CentreŌpōtiki | Tauranga HospitalTauranga | 4 |
| Pohlen Maternity Matamata  | Waikato Hospital Hamilton  | 2  |
| River Ridge East Birth Centre Hamilton  | Waikato Hospital Hamilton  | 1  |
| Rotorua Hospital Rotorua  | Waikato Hospital Hamilton  | 3  |
| Taranaki Base Hospital New Plymouth  | Waikato Hospital Hamilton  | 4  |
| Taumarunui Hospital Taumarunui  | Waikato Hospital Hamilton  | 4  |
| Taupō Maternity Unit Taupō  | Rotorua Hospital Rotorua  | 3  |
| Tauranga Hospital Tauranga  | Waikato Hospital Hamilton  | 4  |
| Te Awamutu Birthing Te Awamutu  | Waikato Hospital Hamilton  | 1  |
| Te Puia Springs Te Puia Springs  | Gisborne Hospital Gisborne  | 3  |
| Thames Hospital Thames  | Waikato Hospital Hamilton  | 3  |
| Tokoroa Hospital Tokoroa  | Waikato Hospital Hamilton  | 3  |
| Waihi Hospital Maternity Annexe Waihi  | Waikato Hospital Hamilton  | 3  |

**4** TRANSFER SUPPORT

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| **Spoke**  | **Hub**  | **Code**  |
| Waihi Hospital Maternity Annexe Waihi  | Tauranga Hospital Tauranga  | 2  |
| Waterford Birth Centre Hamilton  | Waikato Hospital Hamilton  | 1  |
| Whakatāne Hospital Whakatāne  | Waikato Hospital Hamilton  | 4  |
| Whakatāne HospitalWhakatāne | Tauranga HospitalTaurangaOption to Tauranga temporarily added due to Whakatāne Hospital currently not offering secondary services – February 2025 | 3 |
| **Upper North Island**  |  |  |
| Bay of Islands Hospital Kawakawa  | Whangārei Hospital Whangārei  | 2  |
| Birthcare Auckland Auckland  | National Women’s Hospital Auckland  | 1  |
| Botany Downs Primary Birthing Unit Auckland  | Middlemore Hospital Auckland  | 1  |
| Helensville Birthing Centre Helensville  | Waitakere Hospital Auckland  | 2  |
| Kaitaia Hospital Kaitaia  | Whangārei Hospital Whangārei  | 4  |
| Papakura Birthing Unit Auckland  | Middlemore Hospital Auckland  | 1  |
| Pukekohe Birthing Unit Auckland  | Middlemore Hospital Auckland  | 2  |
| Nga Hau Birthing Centre Auckland  | Middlemore Hospital Auckland  | 1  |
| North Shore Hospital Auckland  | National Women’s Hospital Auckland  | 1  |
| Waitakere Hospital Auckland  | National Women’s Hospital Auckland  | 1  |
| Warkworth Birthing Centre Warkworth  | North Shore Hospital Auckland  | 2  |
| Wellsford Birthing Centre Wellsford  | North Shore Hospital Auckland  | 3  |
| Whangārei Hospital Whangārei  | National Women’s Hospital Auckland  | 4  |



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