

**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 Hospital  Tauranga | 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 Centre  Ōpōtiki | Tauranga Hospital  Tauranga | 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 Hospital  Whakatāne | Tauranga Hospital  Tauranga  Option 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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