

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

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
Kaikoura Health Kaikoura	Christchurch Hospital Christchurch	4
Kawatiri Birthing Unit Westport	Greymouth Base Hospital Greymouth	3
Lincoln Maternity Hospital Lincoln	Christchurch Hospital Christchurch	1

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 Takaka	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
Hawera Hospital Hawera	Taranaki Base Hospital New Plymouth	3
Murupara Birthing Centre Murupara	Rotorua Hospital Rotorua	2
Murupara Birthing Centre Murupara	Whakatane Hospital Whakatane	3
Opotiki Community Health Centre Opotiki	Whakatane Hospital Whakatane	2
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
Taupo Maternity Unit Taupo	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

Spoke	Hub	Code
Waihi Hospital Maternity Annexe Waihi	Tauranga Hospital Tauranga	2
Waterford Birth Centre Hamilton	Waikato Hospital Hamilton	1
Whakatane Hospital Whakatane	Waikato Hospital Hamilton	4
Upper North Island		
Bay of Islands Hospital Kawakawa	Whangarei Hospital Whangarei	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	Whangarei Hospital Whangarei	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
Whangarei Hospital Whangarei	National Women's Hospital Auckland	4



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