



Equipment and Modification Services - P1 Waiting Funding Update #3 March 2010

Ministry of Health Additional Funding

The Ministry of Health has provided additional funding (\$7m) nationally to assist with applications waiting funding and have directed that it be used to ensure people with the most urgent needs have them met first. *This additional funding must be used for services provided and invoiced before 30th June 2010.*

To implement this, **accessible** will be releasing funding to clear the P1 Waiting Funding applications first and is likely to have sufficient budget available to begin to release funding for applications on the P2 Waiting List (in chronological order) that have been waiting longer than 6 months. This will create an impact on all of our workloads and **accessible** requests your patience during this time.

Processing Time Frame

Processing times for new P1 applications may become slightly longer in the interim whilst we release the available funding. In the meantime, if you have any applications where you have concerns about the timeframes please continue to use the Urgent P1 guidelines and processes to ensure people with the most urgent needs have them met first within the overall workload.

Priority Time Frames (Urgent P1 & P1 Waiting)

accessible will resume P1 and P2 priorities for all applications as per usual EMS processes, effective immediately. Note: The Urgent P1 and P1 Waiting Funding priorities will longer be required to manage access to available budget.

This Urgent P1 process has had many positive outcomes, we urge Assessors to continue to have clinical benchmarking discussions about meeting needs, and think about the impact decisions have on budget to prevent continued budget pressures

accessible requests you now use the Urgent P1 guidelines and processes for any future 'urgent' applications or requests (ie: Urgent P1 guidelines and processes will replace the old 'urgent' requests noted in the EMS Equipment Manual Part 2, Section 3.1)

Action Required

accessible apologises in advance for the impact that this additional funding release may cause. We request that Assessors, Suppliers and Contractors assist by completing work/services promptly and invoice no later than 30th June 2010. This will ensure that the additional funding available to 30 June 2010 can be utilised in full.

We have greatly valued the assistance of the Assessors, Clinical Leaders/Supervisors, Clients and Suppliers in assisting with managing the budget.