



General Practice Owners Association
of Aotearoa New Zealand

The mandated voice of general practice and urgent care providers.
By general practice, for general practice.

GenPro For You
April 2024 Update



Working unashamedly to support sustainability and viability on behalf of general practice and urgent care business owners - and ultimately the New Zealand population they serve.

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Message from the Chief Executive

Kia ora koutou,

As we move into autumn there is no let-up in the advocacy efforts by GenPro.

This month I have been 'on the road' a fair bit, with multiple meetings and a conference in Wellington. I visited the Hawkes Bay to meet members, visit practices and meet with the CEO of Health Hawkes Bay, Irihapeti Mahuika. I was also in the Bay to meet with our independent HR experts to start exploring options for enhancing our services in the HR and employment relations space.

Dr Angus Chamber, Dr Stephanie Taylor and I also met with the Hon Dr Shane Reti where we continued our advocacy for general practice with a focus on funding and recognising the work of GP teams. We also provided the Minister with an improved model for setting the Annual Statement of Reasonable Fee Increase (ASRFI) as well as a proposed model for Fee Review. The meeting was positive and GenPro remains committed to meeting with the Minister and his team to keep general practice front of mind as funding and structural decisions are made.

Dr Chambers and I also met with other existing and emerging advocates for general practice in Auckland. It is reassuring that we are all aligned in our aims and will be exploring ways of working together to further strengthen the voice of general practice owners.

I also had the privilege of supporting GenPro Members with district specific issues, and by working together we have achieved some positive outcomes.

In addition to this, the responsibility for the development of the Contracted Provider appointment process to PSAAP fell to GenPro, a significant piece of work with a very tight deadline. This required the development of an end-to-end process, from drafting communications re: the changes, to developing a process for potential agents to self-nominate, through to the nomination and appointment process and database establishment. We also hosted a webinar outlining the changes to PSAAP and the history and limitations of the protocol.

In a few short weeks, the process was rolled out and at the time of writing this newsletter more than 600 nominations have been received and successfully processed. It is a testament to our team, and I want to acknowledge the efforts of all involved in making this happen.

And a huge thank you to all who have nominated GenPro as their agent at

PSAAP.

Finally, I would like to welcome the seven new members (bringing a further 33,000 enrolled patients) that have joined GenPro this month and to thank the 16 members that have upgraded to comprehensive membership.

Ngā mihi maioha,



Mark Liddle
Chief Executive

PSAAP Update

Webinar

GenPro hosted a webinar to explain the changes to the PSAAP and to take questions from Contracted Providers. The webinar was open to all Contracted Providers and was well attended. For those that were unable to attend here is the link to the webinar: [PSAAP Webinar](#)

If you have further questions or comments, please contact
enquiries@genpro.org.nz

Process

The process for Contracted Providers to nominate agents for the PSAAP meeting on April 30th, 2024, closed on Friday 19th April. This cut-off date allowed the secretariat to collate the nominations and provide the agents with the details of the Contracted Providers that they will represent. There is also a summary report provided to PSAAP to demonstrate that, under the revised protocol, quorum is achieved.

All nominations received after this date will be added to the database and notified to the agents ahead of the next PSAAP.

If you are a Contracted Provider and did not receive the email outlining the process and nomination link, please contact secretariat@cpcaucus.org.nz

If you are yet to nominate an agent, you can do so by clicking this link:
[Contracted Provider Nomination Form](#)

Collectivism is critical if we are to strongly represent general practice owners.

Please choose wisely and Unify behind GenPro.

A member only bulletin was sent to all members and subscribers providing

more detail. If you are a member and did not receive this bulletin, please contact enquiries@genpro.org.nz to update your contact details.

NZNO Primary Practice Pay Equity Claim

We continue to await further information from NZNO about the second pay equity claim they have said that they intend to raise. Indications are that this will occur in the next two weeks. Our understanding is that this claim is for the purpose of adding further named Employers but until it is received that is not confirmed.

Once we have received more information about the second claim the multi-employer process will get underway. This will start with a process agreement. GenPro will act as the voice of its members and any other Employer that has requested our representation.

A member only update bulletin will be sent week commencing Monday 29th April.

NZNO MECA

The NZNO have confirmed that they will initiate bargaining for the Nurse MECA in May 2024. While they can initiate from May 1st, they are not ready as yet and are seeking a meeting with employer representatives before initiation.

They have a window of 20 days and intend to have formally initiated bargaining within that window. GenPro will represent all Comprehensive Members and MECA Subscribers at the bargaining table, and will send out Member-only updates as the process progresses.

Waikato Regional Meeting for General Practice

We have had a positive response to the invitation sent out to members and non-members for our next regional meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, 16 May 2024 in Hamilton.

This is a chance to meet with our Board, Chief Executive, and team. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an update on GenPro's activities and area of focus, provide an opportunity for open discussion, feedback and Q&A and an opportunity for facilitated regional networking.

If you are in the Waikato region and have not received the invite and are interested in attending, please email enquiries@genpro.org.nz for more details.

Discounted Membership options to support General Practice

In recognition of the financial difficulties that many of our members are currently facing the board of GenPro has decided to discount the fee for membership for the upcoming financial year commencing 1 July 2024.

At a time when many other businesses and organisations are increasing their prices, we want to ensure that membership of GenPro is affordable for as many practice owners as possible.

We also understand that receiving a renewal invoice once a year can put pressure on cash flow. To help smooth the impact of membership renewal invoices the board have agreed that all members can choose the option of paying monthly by direct debit.

We hope that these reduced rates and the ability to smooth payments over the year will help our members during these difficult financial times.

A member only bulletin was sent to all members and subscribers providing more detail.

For more information on membership types and fees please contact membership@genpro.org.nz



Why would you join GenPro?

- To add to GenPro's collective national voice and growing mandate and therefore its ability to make a difference
- To work towards having a single voice representing General Practice Owners in Aotearoa
- To have a strong voice in national negotiations and discussions
- To have access to GenPro's exclusive range of member-only resources and briefings

Further information on the benefits of joining GenPro can be found [on our website](#) or by contacting membership@genpro.org.nz

[Download the GenPro membership application](#)

Remember to follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn for current updates



New Hauora Māori Services Group

The Te Aka Whai Ora team have transferred to a newly formed Hauora Māori Services Group.

This transition ensures that Te Whatu Ora can continue to work together on improving health outcomes for Māori.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Te Aka Whai Ora transition - MHACommunications@teakawhaiora.nz

Stakeholder Virtual Hui Recording

Margie and Riana shared updates on the Government's priorities and spoke of Te Aka Whai Ora's move to Health NZ as a new Hauora Māori Services Group.

Lisa Williams, Head Strategy, Planning and Performance and Sharon McCook, Group Manager, Hauora Māori Strategic Investment and Planning, discussed their progress towards the next NZ Health Plan | Te Pae Waenga 2024 - 2027.

If you missed the livestream event, you can access a recording and

presentation [here](#).

Stakeholder Virtual Hui

Date: Tuesday 7 May 2024

Time: 3.00 – 3.45pm

Click link: [Building the future of health](#)

If you have any questions, please contact:

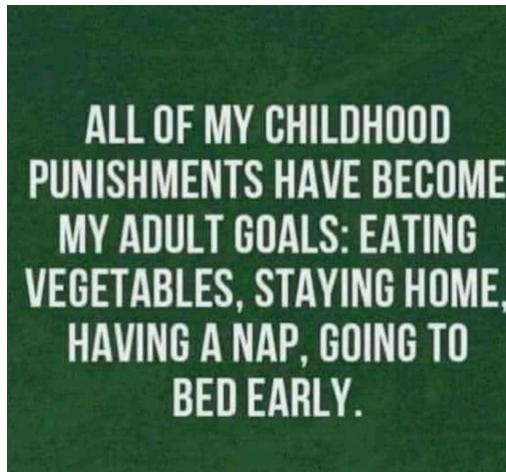
- Te Aka Whai Ora transition - MHACommunications@teakawhaiora.nz
- NZ Health Plan | Te Pae Waenga - NZHP@TeWhatuOra.govt.nz

Immunise content has a new home on [info.health.nz](#)

From 29 April 2024, the Immunise website (immunise.health.nz) will no longer be accessible, as all information has now been transferred to the new Health NZ website, [info.health.nz](#).

For a full list of Te Whatu Ora updates visit : [News and updates – Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand](#)

[The Final Word...](#)



As always, member feedback and membership enquiries are always welcomed - email enquiries@genpro.org.nz

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