

Acupuncture NZ ACC Requirements



1. Every treatment must be carried out in accordance with the Acupuncture NZ (AcNZ) Rules, Acupuncture NZ Code of Professional Ethics, and Acupuncture NZ Clinical Procedures and Safe Clinical Practice.
2. AcNZ practitioners are required to familiarise themselves with the ACC Acupuncture Treatment Profiles (ACC2361) and the ACC Treatment Provider Handbook and must administer and document all treatment accordingly.
3. Every treatment must be carried out by the ACC recognised practitioner. Any locum working in a particular practice must have their own ACC Practitioner Number.
4. AcNZ members must advise ACC if they wish to invoice **Per Patient** or **Hourly**. It is permissible to treat more than one person at the same time if claiming hourly, however, if you are treating two or more ACC patients in the one hour period, you can only claim for a total of one hour treatment time from ACC.
5. ACC will not pay for more than one treatment from a single practitioner in one day but will accept a claim for treatment from a different type of Treatment Provider on that same day (ie acupuncture and osteopathy). Those members registered in both modalities may still only claim for the actual time of treatment i.e. the same hour cannot be claimed as both acupuncture and osteopathy.
6. ACC cannot be charged more than is normally paid by a private patient for the same length of appointment.
7. Only appointments actually attended can be claimed from ACC. ACC will not cover “no shows”.
8. ACC invoicing must be done regularly and may be submitted manually or electronically. AcNZ encourages members to use electronic submission of invoices.
<http://www.acc.co.nz/for-providers/invoicing-and-payment/PRV00048>
9. When advertising services, AcNZ members must describe themselves as ACC Treatment Providers not as ACC Registered.

Further Information

1. In accordance with the ACC Acupuncture Treatment Profiles, treatment may include the use of acupuncture, moxibustion, cupping, tui na (massage), and gua sha. Although ACC recognises that AcNZ members may also prescribe Chinese Herbal Medicine, ACC does not fund such prescriptions.
2. Once a patient has a current ACC claim number (ACC45 number), they are able to choose to have acupuncture treatment. It is not necessary to have a direct referral from another professional.
3. AcNZ encourages members to obtain a signature from any ACC claimant on the day they attend for treatment as proof of actual attendance at the clinic.
4. A co-payment may be charged directly to any ACC patient in addition to the claim for payment to ACC.
5. As part of AcNZ quality assurance procedures, a random clinical audit of ACC providers may be carried out to ensure compliance to ACC guidelines. This should be seen by members as an educational process so that any anomalies can be rectified early.