

NOTICE ABOUT FEES for Dr KEITH BLAYNEY'S PATIENTS

This is a **PRIVATE, INDEPENDENT** consultant General Practice, very much like a specialist Private Practice business (with the same levels of training and qualifications to these specialists, who are really “partialists”). It is similar to a Private Dental or Law Practice or even a Private School. However Government Capitation subsidies **do not apply** as we are patient focused, as opposed to the crude population based care we reject.

SUBSIDIES: If you want the Government funded Primary Health Organisation (PHO) Capitation subsidies such as **free under 6 (or under 13)**, free palliative GP care and reduced normal fees, you are most welcome to attend a Very Low Cost Access (VLCA) practice such as Ruanui Healthcare or a standard PHO practice such as Mountainview Medical, but Dr Blayney's practice intends to remain independent.

There are some **legacy subsidies** which may apply, including: **Free Maternity Services**; **Free Government Schedule Immunizations**; and some **partial subsidies** which reduce but do not eliminate fees: General Medical Subsidy (reduced fees for children and Community Card holders); some nurse only consultations; and Accidents (ACC part funds GP consultations, so there is **always a shortfall fee**).

TOTAL FEES: It is important to realise that your fee is in fact subsidised by the doctor. **Our Total Fees are the lowest in Taranaki**, if not the country, as you will discover if you attend another practice without enrolling and are charged **CASUAL RATES** (Non-Capitation Rates). We are more than happy to charge these higher rates if you believe your GP should earn more than you.

SAVING UP PROBLEMS: This habit is not cost effective as you will be charged a higher rate for any additional time (with no supporting subsidy). We do not practice “supermarket medicine” and so unless additional time was booked, potentially important problems will necessitate another appointment.