

Radiology – Ultrasound guided injections/aspirations

On 1 August 2012, ACC introduced a review step which applies when **ultrasound guided injections/aspirations** (RU27 under the Cost of Treatment Regulations) are recommended or undertaken against a claim for a second or subsequent time.

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ACC is counting the first procedure as being that which occurs on or after 1 August 2012. Providers can contact the Provider Helpline on **0800 222070** for information on the number of post - 1 August 2012 ultrasound guided injections/aspirations your patient has had.

What is the new process?

- A copy of the referral with accompanying notes should be forwarded by the referring provider to prior.approval@acc.co.nz with the subject line stating the name of the procedure. The referring provider should also identify the intended radiology provider (including their email address if available).
 - ACC will check whether the procedure is for a covered injury, a covered body site and that there is a causal link between the injury and the condition requiring treatment.
 - **Please Note:** Where a series of ultrasound guided injections/aspirations are requested by the referring provider (i.e. the primary care provider or referring specialist), ACC can consider these under a single request. The number of injections required should be included in the request to ACC.
 - If you do not seek confirmation from ACC in advance of making the referral, ACC will check these claims retrospectively and may withhold payment if the procedure does not meet statutory requirements.
- ACC will advise the nominated radiology provider, referring provider and the client of the outcome within 5-10 working days.

More information

Please contact the Provider Helpline on **0800 222070** to identify the claim's status and to establish how many post -1 August 2012 ultrasound guided injections/aspirations your patient has had.