MoH Equipment & Modification Services Transition

EMS Assessor presentation

July/August 2014
Background

• Awarded contract for EMS services with Ministry of Health for Midland, Central and Southern regions

• Changes have been identified to some of the services Enable New Zealand will provide
Agenda

• Changes in Enable New Zealand’s process
• How to make contact, engage with us
  – Customer Service hub
  – EMS Advisors and Housing Advisor role
• How Enable New Zealand will support you
• What's next?
• EMS Assessor checklist
• Questions
To summarise the key changes

- Professional Advisor providing advice “upfront” and advisory, support and education focus
- Change in service request process
- At the same time Enable New Zealand are introducing online service requests for:
  - Band 1
  - Band 2
  - Band 3 equipment, and
  - Basic Housing
# Key changes to terms

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How we will work together

EMS Assessor

Enable New Zealand

Customer Services Hub

EMS Advisor

Enable Online with RTL
Customer Services Hub

• Introduction of a customer services hub
  – **Main** point of contact
    • Roster to ensure right service coverage, including key contacts from throughout the organisation
    • Aim for first time resolution or efficiently pass the call on
  – Embedded within the MoH Processing team
  – Focused specifically on supporting EMS transition
  – Service coverage across the organisation – 8am to 5pm

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## Where to go for assistance

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| • Assessor registration  
• Accreditation  
• EMS Assessor Online logon and password queries | • Service request queries  
• Enable Online with RTL logon and password queries |
| Ph: 0800 171 981 | Ph: 0800 171 995 |
| Em: assessor.info@enable.co.nz | Em: moh.processing@enable.co.nz |
EMS Advisor consultation

Provision of advice, support and education

Front of process

• **before you** have completed the prioritisation tool and submitted service request

There are mandatory requirements “when to consult an EMS Advisor”
How we will manage this process

- Consultation with EMS Advisor form completed
- EMS Advisor contact: moh.processing@enable.co.nz
How we support you

• Advice, support and education related to EMS funding
  - Available solutions
  - MoH criteria, policy and MoH manuals
  - Wheeled mobility and postural management service
  - Housing clinics

• Helps ensure that we remain within the available budget and it is used fairly and consistently, in line with the Ministry of Health funding guidelines
Completion of Advice

Outcome Summary with recommendation will be provided at completion of consultation

– Summarise joint discussions
– Provide recommendations

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EMS Advisor recommendation:

- Request meets MoH criteria, consider proceeding to Prioritisation Tool with client
- Request does not meet MoH criteria, consider alternative solutions
- Further investigation required by EMS Assessor before being able to proceed to Prioritisation Tool
- Other:
Prioritisation tool

- Log on to Prioritisation Tool and complete
- Once funding approved save the approval PDF
- If funding available the Prioritisation Tool will provide links to complete the service request.
  - RTL: https://login.roundtriplogistics.com
  - Complex Housing: http://www.disabilityfunding.co.nz/house-modifications/housing
  - Vehicles: http://www.disabilityfunding.co.nz/vehicle-and-driving/vehicles
## How will Service Requests be created

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*requirement for Prioritisation Tool approval to be attached
Access to Enable Online with RTL

- Through Enable Online with RTL
  - Training available via video
    - Creating service requests
    - Attaching scripts/supporting documents
    - Searching and viewing service request status
  - Log on details will be sent to your EMS Assessor email address
    - First email – log on details
    - Second email – password details
Key requirements

• Prioritisation Tool approval must be attached to the service request, where applicable
• Outcome Summary must be attached where the Assessor has communicated with the EMS Advisor
• Ability to nominate another assessor
• Ability to attach supporting documents
• Ability to add notes
• Assessor declaration must be acknowledged
Enable Online with RTL - options

MoH EMS Service Request - Select Equipment Band

Select the equipment bands from which you will be selecting products for this service request or select Basic Housing Only for basic housing modification requirements.

Equipment selected from Bands 2 and 3 or from Basic Housing will require you to complete the Ministry of Health Prioritisation Tool to gain approval for client funding. You will be required to provide evidence of funding approval from the Prioritisation Tool.

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**Band 2 Equipment**
- do not have high specifications or features and are not complex to use or customised for a person
- generally cost less than $3,000 (excl GST)
- are regularly requested

Examples: adjustable beds, hoists, standing frames and some wheelchairs.

**Band 3 Equipment**
- are complex and/or have high specification or features
- may be customised and individualised
- are high cost - generally $3,000 (excl GST) or more
- are supplied in low volumes
- result in a higher consequence of risk to a Service User following an inappropriate recommendation by an EMS Assessor
- required a higher skill level and experience from an EMS Assessor

Examples: power wheelchair, customised standing frames, highly specialised pressure care equipment, communication devices with high specifications.
Benefits of Enable Online with RTL

• Simplified, intuitive process
• Once new client loaded, don’t have to enter all client details
• Quick pick lists for products
• Easy selection of delivery details
• Client history available (RTL only)
• Full visibility of the process for all participants
What Product Search will display

Items that the EMS Assessor has credentials to order

If a nominated EMS Assessor has been selected, then items that only the nominated Assessor is credentialed to approve are highlighted in an alternate colour.

Items that the EMS Assessor is not credentialed to order are light grey font and in italics, making them inactive.
Some key points to note

- Housing – Basic and Complex
- Panel Wheelchairs
- Long term support for people with chronic health conditions (LTS-CHC)
- Like for Like
- Accessories and modifications
- Trials
Like for Like

• Also known as replacement
• Where equipment continues to meet the need of the client, but is beyond economic repair
• If replacement cost is:
  – less than $5,000
    • wont need to go through Prioritisation Tool
    • complete replacement form and create service request under Band 1
  – over $5,000
    • need to consult with EMS Advisor
    • wont need to go through Prioritisation Tool
    • complete replacement form and create service request under Band 1
Accessories and Modifications

• Accessories - additional items available ‘off the shelf’ and can be attached to the base equipment item.
• A modified accessory is where the accessory itself can be modified to meet a specific need without having any impact on the base equipment item.
• The accessory (or modified accessory)
  – is likely to cost less than $1000 (excl GST),
  – completely removable and reversible
  – purpose of enhancing the functionality of the base equipment item for a person’s specific individual need
  – will not function as a stand-alone item.
Trials – key changes

• If trials unsuccessful and a similar piece of equipment is required, EMS Assessor will need to complete a new service request

• Ministry of Health required stricter management of trials
  – reminder emails will be sent out
  – after three months if no response the trial will be:
    • Cancelled – EMS Assessor advised by email
    • Copy of email sent to Supplier.
What's next

• Education to support EMS Assessors
• Continual evaluation of the EMS Advisor Service
• Seek input from EMS Assessors
• Explore options to support (e.g. webinars, video conferences etc)
# Key dates to note

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| Up to 11 August     | Use existing application process and forms where assessment is able to be completed  
Where assessment process underway, EMS Assessors have the option to complete the Impact on Life questionnaire to determine availability of funding. |
| From 11 August      | For all new assessments complete the Impact on Life questionnaire and follow the Prioritisation Tool and Service Request process.            |
| From 31 October 2014| The Prioritisation Tool and Service Request process replaces the paper-based application process                                          |
Reminder

Please remember to update your details on the Enable New Zealand EMS Assessor Online system

Go to: http://www.disabilityfunding.co.nz/

Required for:
- Prioritisation Tool access to training
- Once training completed, log on details sent
EMS Assessor checklist

Key requirements to a successful transition on 11 August 2014

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Questions

Enable New Zealand will be updating Frequently Asked Questions regularly

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Opportunity for Questions