



# Healthcare 99

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## Thanks

The Trustee wants to thank all members for their continued support since the inception of Healthcare 99. This support means that we now have a solid foundation from which we can move forward and introduce further enhancements to the fund

## New Enhancements

- The maximum cost per event in both Options A&B has been increased from \$30,000 to **\$60,000**
- Clause f in the Terms and Conditions has been modified to allow the Trustee, in some instances, to offer financial assistance to members who are affected by this exclusion

## New Rates – see enclosed brochure

\* **Once again the contribution rates for the 60+ band –ie those members with the least disposable income - has been held (for the third year)**

\* **Only 2.5% increase for all other age bands** (this is only an increase of between 28c - \$1.14 per person per fortnight for Option A and an increase of between 14c – 67c for Option B per person per fortnight)

\* **Remember only one annual increase**

*(if you move into another age band through the year you will remain on your current band until the next annual increase)*

***'Firefighters helping Firefighters'***

## New Brochure

Included with this newsletter you have a new Information Brochure that includes the Rules of the Trust Fund, the Terms & Conditions, the current Contribution Rates & a Table of Benefits. To ensure that you

receive your entitlements, please familiarise yourself with them.

## **Important Points to Remember**

1. *All In Hospital Procedures **MUST** have the **PRIOR APPROVAL** of the Claims Manager*
2. *All claims must be submitted **WITHIN 30 DAYS** of being incurred*
3. *All claims submitted are subject to reimbursement at the sole discretion of the Trustee.*

If you have any queries on any of this information please contact our office on **0800 653 473** or our Claims Manager ie Aon Risk Services on **0800 50 51 52** and ask to speak to *Mark Langford*

***From 9th November 2005 the new contribution rates will apply.***

***If we don't hear from you before 20th October 2005 we will adjust your contributions according to the new rates listed in the enclosed Brochure***

## **Been Sick or had an Operation ?**

***Are You Entitled to any Welfare Benefits ?***

Check out our webpage [www.firefighters.org.nz](http://www.firefighters.org.nz) for any Welfare Benefits that you may be entitled to – if you are in hospital, off work for two weeks; have to travel out of town for medical care etc you may be entitled to a Welfare Benefit