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**Visitor and patient carparking changes at Waitakere and North Shore Hospitals**

Parking charges for visitors and patients to Waitakere and North Shore Hospitals will be changing soon.

From July 22, some patients and visitors will face an increase in parking fees, but some will also pay less.

Waitemata DHB group manager of hospital operations Phil Barnes says the move better aligns the DHB’s parking fees with other DHBs in the Auckland region.

“We have kept our parking prices unchanged for more than two years, but growing cost pressures across all our services have forced us to make this decision.”

Mr Barnes says most will only pay a maximum of \$6 under the new fee structure as more than 80% of patients and visitors to the two hospitals park for less than 2 hours.

“We recognise, however, that a number do stay for longer,” says Mr Barnes, “As a result, we’ve introduced a \$20 weekly discounted car parking pass for patients staying longer than three nights, and for visitors likely to come into either hospital site multiple times over a seven day period.

“This is a significant decrease on the price they would have paid under the previous parking fee structure.”

There will also be no charge for those spending less than 15 minutes on the grounds, enabling patients to be dropped off for their appointment.

Mr Barnes says the proceeds will help the DHB reduce financial pressure on its services, as well as contribute towards improvements at its hospitals.

The new parking charges applicable at both North Shore and Waitakere Hospitals from 22 July are as follows:

<b>Time spent</b>	<b>New Fee</b>
0-15 minutes	Free
15-30 minutes	\$3.00
30 minutes-1 hour	\$4.00
1-2 hours	\$6.00
2-3 hours	\$8.00
3-4 hours	\$9.00
4-5 hours	\$10.00
5-6 hours	\$12.00
6-7 hours	\$15.00
7-8 hours	\$18.00
Maximum daily charge	\$18.00

Alternative travel options for getting to both hospitals, such as public transport, can be found by calling 0800 10 30 80 or at [www.maxx.co.nz](http://www.maxx.co.nz)

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