

# Responding to change and challenge

## NZMA General Practice Conference & Medical Exhibition

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# The Certification Opportunity

- The findings are unambiguous:-  
“Work is good for health and wellbeing”

Capacity for work certification does not fit expected norms

- 185,000 certificates per year
- 20,000 clients certified as Fully Unfit for 1 month or more
  - 15,000 had exceeded MDA optimum
  - 10,000 had exceeded MDA maximum

# GP Awareness is High

- There are real benefits for patients who have work capacity, to return to work as soon as possible after injury **95%**
- Returning patients to work when they have work capacity is best practice **97%**
- Returning patients to work is an important part of my role as a GP **86%**

# ACC Certification Project

- Following 3 year Better @ Work Pilot
- Keeping “little things little” and “making it easy”
- Four areas
  - eACC 18
  - Stay at Work Vocational Rehabilitation support
  - Clinical Review of Fitness for Work Service
  - General Practice Support Service
    - PHO partnership in training and professional development

# Certification

- **1 October** eACC 18 Work Capacity certification introduction upper half North Island
- Return to Work Support
  - 0508 ACC RTW      (0508 222 789)
- GP Training and CME professional development