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Dear Mr Lawson

### Official Information Act request

Thank you for your request of 24 July 2017 asking for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) in relation to:

*ICD-10 Diagnostic Code: G57.01 Lesion of sciatic nerve, right lower limb (Piriformis Syndrome, aka Pseudosciatia)*

#### Your request

You requested the following information:

*I respectfully request your assistance in confirming the corresponding equivalent Diagnostic Read Code that applies to the ICD- 10 Injury Diagnostic Code: G57.01 Lesion of sciatic nerve, right lower limb (Piriformis Syndrome, aka Pseudosciatia), that ACC accepts from treatment providers.*

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*I have located the Read Code of N143. Sciatica, however I am unsure whether there is a more specific Read Code that covers irritation and or the lesion of the sciatic nerve caused by the spasming of, or trauma to the piriformis muscle which is located in the buttocks.*

#### Our response

The best Read code that ACC can use in its claim management system for the diagnosis of ICD10 code G57 Lesion of sciatic nerve would be ACC Read code F350 Sciatic nerve lesion. There is no specific reference to piriformis in any ACC Read codes.

#### Queries or concerns

If you have any questions about the information provided, ACC will be happy to work with you to answer these. You can contact us at [GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz](mailto:GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz) or in writing to *Government Engagement and Support, PO Box 242, Wellington 6140.*

You have the right to complain to the Office of the Ombudsman about our response. You can call them on 0800 802 602 between 9am and 5pm on weekdays, or write to *The Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.*

Yours sincerely

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