

1 December 2024 Pharmacy Immunisation Administration Claiming Changes

From 1 December 2024, immunisation administration fees and claiming processes are changing for community pharmacies that have accepted the Integrated Community Pharmacy Services Agreement Variation 6 (Variation 6) by Thursday 28 November 2024 (the Acceptance Date).

- ICPSA Variation 6 enables providers to claim an increased immunisation administration fee of \$41.20 (excluding GST) for all immunisations, **excluding** influenza, COVID-19 and 'co-administered shingles and influenza'.
- To claim the increased immunisation fee for all immunisations, **excluding** influenza, COVID-19 and 'co-administered shingles and influenza', pharmacies must enter the **new Pharmacode: 2692813, 'Immunisation administration fee – other' into the pharmacy management system (PhMS)** (note the exact wording of the stockcard for this administration fee will be specific to the PhMS).
- This increased immunisation administration fee will be backdated to 1 July 2024 for providers that accept, sign and return their signed variation by the Acceptance Date of 5:00 pm, Thursday 28 November 2024.
- Health NZ expects to make wash up payments for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 November 2024 in April 2025. The process for the wash up payment was outlined in the Letter of Offer – Voluntary Variation 6 of the Integrated Community Pharmacy Services Agreement.
- **Only one administration fee is claimable per patient per day, regardless of the number of vaccines administered i.e. there is no change from the current process.**
- The table on the following page provides a summary of changes

Immunisation type	Current Funding		Funding from 1 December 2024			
	Admin Fee (ex GST)	Pharmacode	Claim Process	Admin Fee (ex GST)	Pharmacode	Pharmacode Description
COVID-19 ¹	\$36.05	N/A	No Change, Claimed through AIR	\$36.05	N/A	N/A
Influenza	\$36.05	2660733	No Change, Claimed via PhMS through batch process	\$36.05	2660733	Immunisation administration fee - flu
Influenza + Shingles co-administration	\$36.05	2664453	No Change, Claimed via PhMS through batch process	\$56.57	2664453	Immunisation co-administration fee - flu and shingles
Influenza + Boostrix (Tdap) in pregnancy ² co-administration	\$56.57	2660733	No Change, Claimed via PhMS through batch process, with uplift from AIR data	\$56.57	2660733	Immunisation administration fee - flu
Other funded Immunisations	\$36.05	2660733	Claim via PhMS using NEW Pharmacode through the batch process	\$41.20	2692813	Immunisation administration fee - other

1. COVID-19 immunisations are provided under a separate agreement to the ICPSA and are paid through the Aotearoa Immunisation Register (AIR).
2. Enhanced funding for the co-administration of influenza and Boostrix (Tdap) during pregnancy is provided under a separate agreement to the ICPSA from 2 April 2024 to 31 December 2024, with retrospective top-up payments made from AIR data.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How will I claim if I administer two funded vaccines to a person on the same day, for example, MMR and Influenza?

A. In this scenario, you may claim the immunisation administration fee with the higher value of the two, in this case the administration fee of the MMR vaccine, by entering '**Immunisation admin fee – other**' (Pharmacode: 2692813) into the PhMS.

There are no changes to the number of immunisation administration fees that can be claimed per person per day in ICPSA Variation 6. As per ICPSA Variation 5 2023 '*The Provider is not entitled to receive more than one Immunisation Services Fee if more than one Vaccine is administered to an Eligible Service User on the same day*'.

Q. If I administer a funded Shingles vaccine AND a funded Influenza vaccine to a person on the same day, what administration fee can I claim?

A. In this case you may claim by entering '**Immunisation co-administration fee – flu and shingles**' (Pharmacode: 2664453) into the PhMS. This combination of vaccines administered to a person on the same day has a historical uplift within the ICPSA.

*Q. If I administer Influenza AND Boostrix (Tdap) someone who is pregnant on the same day **before** 31 December 2024, how do I claim?*

A. Until 31 December 2024, you would continue to claim the same way by entering the newly renamed fee '**Immunisation administration fee – flu**' (Pharmacode: 2660733) into the PhMS. Enhanced funding for the co-administration of influenza and Boostrix (Tdap) during pregnancy is provided under a separate agreement to the ICPSA from 2 April 2024 to 31 December 2024, with retrospective top-up payments made from AIR data.

*Q. If I administer Influenza + Boostrix (Tdap) to someone who is pregnant on the same day **after** 31 December 2024, how do I claim?*

A. Enhanced funding for the co-administration of Influenza and Boostrix (Tdap) during pregnancy ends on 31 December 2024. From 1 January 2025, in this scenario, you may claim the higher value of the two, which in this case is the administration of the Boostrix (Tdap) vaccine by entering '**Immunisation admin fee – other**' (Pharmacode: 2692813) into the PhMS.