

## 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

	Current Funding		Funding from 1 December 2024			
Immunisation type	Admin Fee (ex GST)	Pharmacode	Claim Process	Admin Fee (ex GST)	Pharmacode	Pharmacode Description
COVID-19 <sup>1</sup>	\$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 <sup>2</sup> 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 <b>NEW</b> 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.