

1 September 2022

Tēnā koe PHO Chief Executives

Uplift for Māori and Pacific Immunisations

This letter is to advise you of an uplift to the Immunisation Administration Fee and zoster / influenza vaccine concomitant fee for the Māori and Pacific population, which will be applied from 1 September 2022.

The following uplift will apply:

- An increase of \$2.32 (ex GST) to the Immunisation Administration Fee; and
- An increase of \$1.62 (ex GST) to the zoster/influenza vaccine concomitant fee.

As the current temporary top-up payments for MMR and influenza immunisations are due to finish on 30 September 2022, this uplift will not apply to MMR and influenza immunisations until 1 October 2022.

The following table outlines the changes to the administration fees for Māori and Pacific populations:

	Vaccines	From September 2022		Vaccines	From 1 October 2022	
Māori and Pacific	MMR and influenza (6 months to 12 years)	Administration fee	\$27.84	MMR and influenza (6 months to 12 years)	Administration fee	\$27.84
		Top up payment (ex GST)	\$8.21		Uplift (ex GST)	\$2.32
		Total payment	\$36.05		Total payment	\$30.16
	Zoster/influenza concomitant fee	Administration fee	\$19.54			•
		Uplift (ex GST)	\$1.62	-		
		Total payment	\$21.16			
	All other vaccines	Administration fee	\$27.84			
		Uplift (ex GST)	\$2.32			
		Total payment	\$30.16			

Te Whatu Ora will undertake an informal review in mid-2023 to understand whether the initiative has been successful in improving equity of immunisation outcomes for Māori and Pacific people.

Payment process

The payment process for the Māori and Pacific immunisation uplift will be delivered in the same way that the MMR and influenza temporary top-up is administered.

- Payment will be managed by Te Whatu Ora and no additional claiming process will be required. Te Whatu Ora Districts will continue to pay the base Immunisation Administration fee via their standard mechanisms.
- Te Whatu Ora will make the uplift payments directly to primary health organisations (PHOs) and payment will be passed onto respective providers.
- Data will be extracted monthly from Proclaim to allow uplift payments to be calculated.
- Uplift payments will be made on the 20th of the month for the previous month. The first payment will be made on 20 October 2022.
- Along with payment, the Te Whatu Ora Sector Operations team will provide an ethnicity breakdown of vaccinations administered over each claim period.
- Please ensure that vaccination information is entered into your PMS in a timely fashion to ensure that these details are captured for payment purposes.

Contracts will be sent out as "active" contracts (no need to sign and return) by the Te Whatu Ora Contracts team over the next few weeks.

Thank you again for the vital role you are playing in Aotearoa's immunisation efforts.

Nāku noa, nā

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