

DES message: Seasonal Flu update; Childhood Flu; Pneumococcal

From: ea-primarycare England (NHS ENGLAND)
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Dear Colleagues

1. Seasonal Flu

Further to our last communication regarding Seasonal Flu DES & PGD on 23 September 2013, we are writing today with **REPLACEMENT DOCUMENTS**.

Please note the following amendment to the DES:

5-byte Read Code for Seasonal influenza vaccination given by other healthcare provider is **65E20**

Please note the following amendment to the PGD:

correction of formatting error, page 5 last sentence was missing

Page 7 added 'months'

omitted words 'NHSC'

Please note with regard to the 75% targets for immunising those aged 65 and over and those in non-age-related at-risk groups - this is a Department of Health aspirational target, and does not affect payment under this DES.

(We have included the Seasonal Flu sign-up sheet again, however if you have already signed and returned the form to the Area Team you are not required to do so again).

2. Childhood Flu

Please find attached Direct Enhanced Service (DES), Patient Group Direction (PGD), and sign-up document for the Childhood Flu vaccination programme. (Please note the Childhood Flu PGD was sent from the Primary Care Gateway on 9th September – it is included here for completeness).

To clarify the position with influenza vaccinations for children :

The Childhood (Two & three Year olds) Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme. This is for 2 and 3 year olds only, please see date range in the DES, para 2.3. **The Fluenz® Nasal Spray vaccine** for this cohort of children is available to practice via IMMForm. The practice will not be charged for this vaccine and the practice should not claim vaccine reimbursement.

Children aged 4 to 17 in an at risk category can **also** be vaccinated using Fluenz® Nasal Spray, see appropriate PGD. The vaccine for these children should be ordered from your normal supplier and the practice should claim reimbursement using claim form PF34D. Although this is the vaccine of choice **in the PGD**, you may use your existing stock of **injectible** influenza vaccine for these children, see PGD.

3. Pneumococcal

Please find attached Direct Enhanced Service (DES) and sign-up document for Pneumococcal. In the past, provision for Pneumococcal immunisation formed part of the Seasonal Flu DES. We have now separated these to provide an individual Pneumococcal DES.

4. Claiming Mechanisms

A separate communication will be sent later this week with Claim Forms for the past quarter. Please note that the following DESEs are now available on CQRS :

- Shingles
- Pneumococcal
- Childhood Flu

For the above DES's, please go onto the system and accept or decline as appropriate to enable payment to be made via CQRS.

We expect Seasonal Flu DES to be offered via CQRS within the next week.

Please sign, scan and return the agreement form to jude.watson@nhs.net by Friday 11th October.

Alternatively, please print and post to the below address. Please note that we unfortunately do not have fax facilities at present.

For queries which are not related to payment please contact:

- Cambridge and Peterborough: Colin Uju, c.uju@nhs.net
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With kind regards

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