

	<b>PRIMARY CARE CLINICAL DIGEST</b> <b>JANUARY 12 2024</b>
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<b>Increasing Options for Whānau to Access Childhood Immunisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through engagement with General Practice and Pharmacy leaders, valuable feedback was received regarding the practical considerations for immunising young children and babies.</li> <li>• Feedback included recognising the importance of continuity of care and retention of the six-week check in General Practice, as well as current challenges of rurality, physical space considerations in pharmacy and the need to maintain safety. Both groups identified the need for General Practice and Pharmacy working together, supported by PHOs and Immunisation Coordinators.</li> <li>• There are already a number of initiatives underway to help lift immunisation rates, including progressing 54 recommendations from the <a href="#">Immunisation Taskforce Report</a> released in April 2023. The report highlighted that one of the biggest barriers is access to vaccinators.</li> <li>• General Practice will continue to play a critical role in the delivery of childhood immunisations; however, there is a need to support an increase in the opportunities available for whānau. This means drawing on capability and capacity across the wider health sector.</li> <li>• The changes being proposed to implement over the coming months are outlined below and can be used for pānui content.</li> </ul> <p><b>Increasing options for whānau to access childhood immunisations</b></p> <p>Two significant changes are proposed to be implemented in early 2024, to increase options for whānau to access free childhood immunisations in their communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Remove ordering restrictions on childhood vaccinations for providers</b> Te Whatu Ora is working with Pharmac to remove the pharmacy ordering restrictions on funded childhood vaccinations so that all providers can order and claim for these vaccines. It's anticipated that ordering restrictions will be removed from March 1 2024.</li> <li>○ <b>Increase the vaccinator workforce that is able to administer childhood immunisations in community settings</b></li> </ul>

	<p>Pharmacist Vaccinators and other health professionals (e.g., some Public Health Nurses) will be able to upskill to Authorised Vaccinators so they can administer childhood vaccinations. Training is expected to be available in February 2024 and will include a mix of online components and clinical assessments covering communication, vaccine administration and practical considerations for administering to this age range.</p>
<p><b>Proposal to Fund Supplements for Phenylketonuria and other Inherited Metabolic Diseases</b>  <a href="#">View online</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please see attached link to Pharmac notification.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Updates for Pharmacists January 12 2024</b>  <a href="#">View online</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To see the latest updates from Pharmac, please view online.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Top Weekend Viewing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will recommence with our top weekend viewing in February. Look out for some great recommendations!</li> </ul>