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GUIDANCE ON PAYMENTS FOR VACCINES

The Green Book 'Immunisation against infectious diseases' gives Department of Health & Social Care advice on the circumstances & eligibility for vaccination. This does not necessarily mean the vaccines should be offered under the NHS.

For flu vaccine claims please see HWE ICB Guidance *(Flu vaccine claiming)*
For PADM (personally administered drugs and appliances) claims and criteria, please see HWE ICB guidance *(PADM claiming)*

The purpose of this document is to clarify situations where vaccines may be given free of charge under the NHS (paid for under the global sum).

National Immunisation schemes

Vaccine name	Situations where vaccine is offered free of charge under the NHS Global sum	Method for claiming payment for cost of vaccine under global sum
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio and Haemophilus influenzae type b and Hepatitis B (DTaP/IPV/Hib/Hep B) (Infanrix hexa or Vaxelis)	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Polio (dTaP/IPV) (Boostrix-IPV or Repevax)	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Diphtheria (low dose), Tetanus, Pertussis (dTaP) (Adacel)	Pregnant women and new mother's national immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Hib / Meningococcal group C (Hib/MenC) (Menitorix)	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Human Papillomavirus (HPV) (Gardasil 9)	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Influenza inactivated vaccine (adults over 18 years of age)	Immunisation offered under the NHS on an annual basis for those aged 65 years and over or those aged under 65 years in a risk category	FP34
Influenza inactivated vaccine (from 6 months to 18 years of age)	Immunisation offered under the NHS on an annual basis for those aged 6 months to 2 years in an at-risk category, and those who are eligible for influenza vaccination but in whom the nasal influenza vaccine is contraindicated	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Influenza (Nasal spray live attenuated vaccine)	Immunisation (as nasal spray) for children aged 2 to 18 years for the cohort defined by the latest annual Flu letter and those defined as at risk.	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) (MMRvaxPro or Priorix)	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Meningococcal ACWY conjugate vaccination (MenACWY) (MenQuadfi)	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34

Meningococcal B (MenB) (Bexsero)	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) (Prevenar 13)	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPV) (Pneumovax 23)	Offered under the NHS for those aged 65 years and over or those aged under 65 years in a clinical risk category outlined in latest advice. Refer to the Green Book.	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Rotavirus (Rotarix)	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Shingles (Shingrix/Zostavax)	National Immunisation scheme, refer to Green Book for the eligibility differences for Shingrix and	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Tetanus, diphtheria and polio (Td/IPV) (Revaxis)	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)	National Immunisation scheme, refer to green book for eligibility	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34

Travel vaccination – further information on the diseases is available via NaTHNaC and is in line with NHS England guidance NHS England » Items which should not routinely be prescribed in primary care: policy guidance

Vaccine name	Situations where vaccine is offered free of charge under the NHS Global sum	Method for claiming payment for cost of vaccine under global sum
Cholera	Travellers to an area where risk of exposure is high - defined by NaTHNac Travellers to a country where immunisation is a condition of entry	FP10
Diphtheria (only available as combined vaccines)	**For travellers visiting epidemic or endemic areas** it is recommended that the combined Td/IPV is given where a booster of any element is required.	FP10
Hepatitis A	Travellers to an area where risk of exposure is high - defined by NaTHNac	FP34
Hepatitis B (single agent)	Not remunerated by the NHS as part of additional services. It has been locally agreed that Hep B for travel should only be prescribed / supplied as a private service.	Not on the NHS
Hepatitis A and B combined	Travellers requiring Hep A – see above. The prescribing of this combined vaccine for travel is not locally recommended. A patient requiring Hep B for travel should receive this as a separate component and treated as a private service	Not on the NHS
Hepatitis A and Typhoid Combined	Advised where sanitation is primitive and where the degree of exposure to infection is likely to be high. See Green Book for the latest advice.	FP34
Japanese B encephalitis	Not provided on the NHS	Not on the NHS
Meningococcal A, C, W135 & Y	Not remunerated by the NHS as part of additional services.. For travel should only be prescribed / supplied as a private service.	Not on the NHS
Poliomyelitis inactivated (only available as combined vaccines)	**For travellers visiting epidemic or endemic areas** it is recommended that the combined Td/IPV is given where a booster of any element is required.	FP10
Rabies	Not provided on the NHS for travel	Not on the NHS

Vaccine name	Situations where vaccine is offered free of charge under the NHS Global sum	Method for claiming payment for cost of vaccine under global sum
Tetanus (only available as combined vaccines) **Tetanus, diphtheria and polio (Td/IPV)**	Travellers requiring vaccination or booster.	FP10
Tick-borne encephalitis	Not provided on the NHS	Not on the NHS
Typhoid polysaccharide	Travellers to countries where typhoid is endemic. Travellers to a country where immunisation is a condition of entry	FP34
Yellow fever	Not provided on the NHS.	Not on the NHS

Vaccination for specific clinical risk groups (NOT TRAVEL)

The Green Book identifies a number of clinical risk groups (outside of the national immunisation schemes) where vaccination is recommended. Please refer to the chapters of the Green Book for further information.

The table below identifies the vaccines commonly recommended for specific at-risk groups and how claims for payment should be made.
For Occupational risk – see page 4

Vaccine name	Situations where vaccine is offered free of charge under the NHS Global sum	Method for claiming payment under global sum
Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)	May be recommended for contacts of a case of measles.	FP10
Hepatitis A	See Green Book for list of at-risk patient groups (combined Hep A/B vaccine may be appropriate if both are indicated)	FP34
Hepatitis B	See Green Book for list of at-risk groups eligible for Hep B (combined Hep A/B vaccine may be appropriate if both are indicated)	FP34
Haemophilus Influenza type b (Hib/MenC)	See Green Book for list of at-risk patient groups	FP10
Meningococcal A, C, W135 & Y	See Green Book for list of at-risk patient groups	FP34
Meningococcal B	See Green Book for list of at-risk patient groups	FP34
Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV)	See Green Book for list of at-risk patient groups	FP10
Pneunococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPV)	See Green Book for list of at-risk patient groups	FP10
Varicella (Chickenpox)	▪ Close household contacts of immunocompromised patients ▪ Management of at-risk individuals following significant exposure to chicken pox or varicella zoster (See Green Book).	FP10
Post-exposure immunisations	Certain vaccinations may be recommended by the local Health Protection Unit for possible contacts of vaccine-preventable infectious diseases, and these should be offered free of charge under the NHS.	FP10

Vaccination for occupational risk

Practices cannot under any circumstances charge their own NHS patients for any Occupational Health service or any vaccine cost which is provided in connection with this service.

Where there seems to be an occupational health risk but no employer to assess and manage this, a practice may wish to:

- Refer such patients to other practices where they can be offered this occupational care as a private service (where the patient may consider the costs as a legitimate business expense).
- Provide the immunisation as an NHS service for free by providing the vaccine on an FP10 (the administration costs and practice time **cannot** be charged to the patient under these circumstances)

Both routes are acceptable and will depend on the volumes involved and the practice's own agreed policy.

Private supply

Vaccines for national immunisation programs should NOT be provided privately to a patient on the practice register. Patients requesting private vaccination should be referred to another practice or centre that is providing a private service.

Travel vaccination
There are instances where vaccination is recommended for travel purposes (see Green Book), but the vaccination is not offered free of charge under the NHS Global Sum.
Patients can be referred to a private travel vaccine clinic or vaccinations may be provided as a private service where the practice can charge for:

- The provision of a private prescription OR the supply of a vaccination
- Administration of the vaccine
- Post-vaccination serological testing (in the case of Hep B for travel)
- Provision of certification of immunisation

Practices should also give the patient written information on the immunisation schedule proposed and the charges involved at the outset of the process.

Where a private service has been provided, the practice must NOT claim the cost of the vaccine using an FP10 or FP34.

PGDs cannot be used for the administration of travel vaccines that are provided as a private service.

Sources of information

1. Routine Childhood Immunisation Schedule July 2025
2. The Green Book updated June 2025
3. NHSBSA, High Volume Vaccine forms
4. Complete routine immunisation schedule from 1 September 2025 - GOV.UK

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