

Child Health Information System CHIS Administration Issues

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CHIS System - Purpose

- The CHIS system is has two major functions
- To record and retain vaccination history for Children. This information is then used for statistical purposes. (national uptake figures and to ensure children are fully vaccinated etc)
- To generated payment to GPs for the provision of this service. Including bonus payments for GPs who reach target figures

GP Contractual Obligations

- Section 2.4 (a) of the Agreement for the Delivery of the Primary Childhood Immunisation Programme states:

The contracting GP will notify the HSE, not later than the seventh working day of each month, of the children who have been immunised to facilitate routine monitoring of uptake and in particular to identify children who have not been immunised.

The GPs returns should contain the type of information outlined in the sample "Primary Childhood Immunisation Record/Return Form" White copy to be retained by the GP

National Uptake Figures

- Each ISA must reach it's target uptake figure of 95% for cohorts - 12 months and 24 month olds
- The uptake figures for the 3rd quarter of 2011 for Dublin North East Region are as follows:

12 months		24 months	
DNW	85.5%		89.9%
DNC	89.1%		92.2%
DN	92.7		92.6%

Purpose of this Presentation

- To identify the some of the reasons for the lower uptake figure (other than true defaulters)
- To suggest possible solutions to these problems
- Offer advise and assistance to improve claiming and uptake figures

Illegible Information

In order to avoid forms being returned to the GP Practice please:

- Write clearly and legibly to ensure correct spelling of surname
- Ensure when completing the form that information is replicated on all copies
- Do not use vaccine stickers for the batch numbers
- Please ensure unique child reference number is included on your claim form. For those children appearing on your Cohort List.

Unable to Identify a Child on the System

There are occasions when a Child can not be located on the system. In order to avoid forms being returned we would ask that you:

- Document Mother's name clearly
- Document Child's Date of birth
- If the child is new to the country please state what country they are from
- If they are new to the area please document what area they are previously from, record any previous vaccinations given and if possible name of GP etc

If a child has missed previous vaccinations

- Always print previous vaccines as well as current (computerised claiming)

- If a child is new to the Practice attach a copy of previous vaccinations

Or

- Write and give the Doctors name and address who administered the earlier vaccinations

Batch No

- The Batch number and expiry is required on the PCI record/return form.
- The Batch number is the number on the BOX and it is this number which should be recorded on claim form
- NB Not from the inside of the vial

Returning Forms

- Please ensure forms are returned to the correct area for payment.
- Payment is based on where the child resides and not where the GP is based.
- Street directories are available from your local office.

Group Practices

- In order to receive payment under the scheme a GP must hold a valid Immunisation Contract
- If a practice wishes for all payments to go to one GP in the practice, the relevant area must be made aware of this arrangement

Computerised Returns

- If sending returns in computerised format please ensure ALL information requested on the Standard Immunisation consent/return form is fully reflected on the computerised return.
- Separate return for each client which should be signed and stamped with official practice stamp.
- Each return constitutes an invoice for payment and must comply with financial regulations.

Contact Numbers

Local Immunisation Officers

- DNW Ciara Davidson 8825165
- DNC Mary Devine 8467289
- DN Anne Gorman 8164259

Please note the restructuring of these 3 areas will be complete within 4 weeks. There will be 2 Integrated Service Areas servicing the Former North Dublin Area.

Reasons for non payment

- Payment does not issue for vaccinations given outside the recommended Primary Childhood Immunisation Schedule unless the GP has been requested to do so as part of an outbreak control situation.
- School boosters
- Hep B
- Travel vaccines
- Flu vaccination

Thank you

- Any questions?