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Dear Doctor

The Health Service Executive has been advised that the Influenza/Pneumococcal Program will resume in September 2007.

To assist in the processing and validation of these claims, please enter <u>the batch</u> <u>number only</u> in the appropriate space on the STC claim form. The approved list of vaccinations, including batch numbers, for the 2007/2008 Program is attached.

If you are using a batch that is not on the approved list, please provide all batch details on the claim form. Claims without the appropriate batch number will not be reimbursed until the batch details are provided.

Claiming Procedure for Influenza/Pneumococcal Claims

- Enter the appropriate Special Service codes 'R', 'S' or 'T' in the Special Service Code box on the STC claim form.
- Only enter 'H' when the Special Service 'R', 'S' or 'T' is provided to a patient outside surgery hours i.e. 5pm to 9am (Monday to Friday) or all day Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holidays.
- Enter the appropriate batch number beside the Batch Number heading on the claim form. Please ensure that the batch number is clearly legible. Claims will not be reimbursed where the Batch number is submitted on a sticker only and no hand-written details are present on the claim form.
- If the injection site is other than the arm, please fill in the details in the appropriate space.
- If claiming Special Service Code 'T' (Influenza/Pneumococcal), clearly enter <u>all</u> <u>batch numbers used</u> on the STC claim form.
- Patient signature must be provided on both Flu Vaccinations and Special Service claims.

Your co-operation in this matter will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

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Influenza/Pneumococcal Program Approved Batch Numbers for 2007/2008 Program

Flu Vaccines

Vaccination	Batch Number	Expiry Dates
Agrippal (manufactured by	Novartis) 163041A	13/07/2008
Influvac (manufactured by	Solvay) M13A M17A	30/06/2008 30/06/2008
Inactivated Influenza Vacc	ine (manufactured by Sanc B0521-1	ofi Pasteur MSD) 31/05/2008

Pneumococcal

Vaccination	Batch Number	Expiry Dates
Pneumovax 11	ND62630 NE09970	31st August 2008 14th September 2008
	NE26380	14th September 2008
	NE26590	17 th September 2008
	ND32200*	3 rd May 2008

^{*} Denotes details of products from 2006/2007 Program, but have expiry dates in the future.

Other: Please enter <u>the batch number</u> and <u>full details</u> of the batch on the

claim form. Payment will only issue if batch details have approval

from the HSE National Immunisation Office

Special Service Code	Fee Rate – July 1st 2007
S = Influenza Vaccination	€ 40.69
R = Pneumococcal Vaccination	€40.69
T = Pneumococcal/Influenza Vaccination	€ 61.03