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Participation in 2012/ 2013 Seasonal Flu Campaign

Dear Community Pharmacist,

The target population for vaccination by Community Pharmacy Contractors has been extended for the 2012 / 2013 Seasonal Flu Campaign. Community pharmacists will be eligible to vaccinate

- All those aged 65 years and over
- All those aged 18-64 in the at risk groups which have been defined as the following
 - chronic illness requiring regular follow up (e.g. chronic respiratory disease including cystic fibrosis, moderate or severe asthma, chronic heart disease, diabetes mellitus, chronic liver disease, chronic neurological disease including multiple sclerosis, hereditary and degenerative disorders of the central nervous system etc)
 - those who are immunosuppressed due to disease or treatment including those with missing or non functioning spleens
 - residents of nursing homes, old people's homes, and other long stay facilities (only when vaccinated within the Pharmacy setting)
 - morbid obesity i.e. Body Mass Index over 40
 - pregnant women (at any stage of pregnancy)
- Healthcare workers
- Carers
- Workers who have close regular contact with pigs, poultry or water fowl

Those pharmacies who registered previously (**with no changes in their contractor status in the intervening period**) with the HSE for participation in the Seasonal Flu Campaign are not required to register again as the HSE has retained your details in this regard. However, if you have signed a new contractor agreement in the intervening period, you must register again for the Vaccination service.

If your pharmacy has not registered previously, you must complete the form attached and return for the attention of Ms Kate Mulvenna at the PCRS, Exit 5 M50, North Rd., Finglas, Dublin 11 before 24 August 2012.

You will note that the form requires the Pharmacy Contractor and the Supervising Pharmacist to sign the required confirmations before the pharmacy contractor can be added to the list of locations to which the vaccine can be delivered.

Yours faithfully,

Patrick Burke
Primary Care Reimbursement Service

Pharmacy Application Form – 2012 Seasonal Flu Vaccine

I wish to apply to provide a vaccination service on behalf of the HSE for the 2012 Seasonal Flu Campaign.

Name of Pharmacy Contractor: _____

Address of Pharmacy Contractor: _____

GMS No of Pharmacy Contractor: _____

I can confirm the following:

Y/N

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| 1. The pharmacist professional staff administering the vaccine have completed or will have completed the requisite programmes of education and training as accredited by the PSI prior to providing the vaccination service. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. The premises where the vaccination service will be provided is deemed satisfactory for the purpose by the PSI. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. The pharmacy contractor holds professional indemnity cover to encompass this extended service which I will be providing under the provisions of the Pharmacy Contractor Agreement that I hold with the HSE. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. I will transmit the public health requirements of the HSE electronically in the form set out by the HSE. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. I will comply with all relevant HSE policies and procedures in the administration of the Seasonal Flu Vaccine. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Signature _____ Date _____
Pharmacy Contractor

Signature _____ Professional
Supervising Pharmacist Registration No. _____