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**Revision of Fees for Immunisation/Vaccination Service**

I am directed by the Minister for Health and Children to refer to circular ref. 41/2002 dated 4<sup>th</sup> October 2002. Approval for the final (4%) phase of the Public Service Pay agreement under the Programme for Prosperity and Fairness (PPF) is hereby conveyed.

The Minister now conveys approval for the implementation of a 4% increase effective from **1 October, 2002**.

The revised rates for fees payable to general practitioners in respect of immunisations are set out in the attached schedule.

Yours sincerely,



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**SCHEDULE ATTACHED TO CIRCULAR 53/2002 EFFECTIVE 1 OCTOBER**  
**2002**

***FEES PAYABLE TO GPs IN RESPECT OF IMMUNISATIONS FROM***  
***1 October 2002***

<b>A. Primary Childhood Immunisation Programme</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Normal Payment</b>	<b>€</b>
(i)	Registration of child with a GP	<b>32.70</b>
(ii)	Complete course of immunisation against DTaP/DT; Hib; Polio, Meningococcal C and MMR	<b>108.94</b>
(iii)	95% uptake bonus	<b>52.48</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Pro-rata Payments - Change of GP</b>	
(i)	Change occurs before immunisation	<b>32.70</b>
	First GP (registration fee) and other GP(s) for each course [(DTaP/DT, Hib, Polio & Meningococcal C) x 3 + MMR] (30.56 x 4)	<b>40.35</b>
(ii)	Change occurs between 1st and 2nd immunisation	
	First GP(s) (registration fee) and 1 immunisation course	<b>32.70</b>
	Other GP(s) [(DTaP/DT, Hib, Polio & Meningococcal C) x 2 + MMR] (36.75 x 3)	<b>15.82</b>
		<b>48.53</b>
(iii)	Change occurs between 2nd and 3rd immunisation	
	First GP (registration fee) and 2 immunisations	<b>32.70</b>
	Other GP(s) [(DTaP/DT, Hib, Polio & Meningococcal C) x 1 + MMR] (36.75 x 2)	<b>64.37</b>
		<b>48.53</b>
(iv)	Change occurs between 3rd and 4th immunisations	
	First GP (registration fee) and 3 immunisation courses	<b>32.70</b>
	Other GP (MMR)	<b>108.94</b>
		<b>52.48</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Pro-rata Payments - Opportunistic Screening, Incomplete Immunisation</b>	
(i)	Opportunistic screening e.g. child not registered with GP	<b>35.41</b>
(ii)	Incomplete immunisation course; registration fee and 1 immunisation course or 2 immunisation courses	<b>32.70</b>
		<b>2.72</b>
		<b>38.14</b>
(iii)	Where MMR is not administered by the nominated (registered) GP, deduct	<b>35.41</b>
<b>B. Influenza/Pneumococcal Immunisation</b>		
(i)	Influenza - per immunisation of GMS patient in at-risk categories	<b>31.18</b>
(ii)	Pneumococcal - per immunisation of GMS patient in at-risk categories	<b>31.18</b>
(iii)	Pneumococcal/Influenza - per immunisation of GMS patient in at-risk	<b>46.77</b>

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categories (where both vaccines are given on the one occasion).

- C. Hepatitis B**  
Per immunisation of GMS patient in at-risk categories for the administration of full course of injections, including post-vaccination testing where necessary. **112.44**
- D. Meningococcal C Immunisation**  
Per visit for immunisation of persons in at-risk categories in accordance with arrangements under “catch-up” programme. **31.18**

### **Booster Immunisations**

A fee of **€31.18** is payable to GPs in respect of the first booster vaccination with a 50% reduction in respect of the second vaccination administered on the visit. This would equate to a fee of **€46.77** where the “4-in-1” and MMR are both provided.

Booster immunisations are normally provided by health board vaccination teams in schools. The fees apply only where booster immunisations are provided by the GP.

### **Vaccinations in certain situations**

A fee of **€31.18** will be payable to general practitioners who are involved in the provision of vaccinations in situations such as a disease outbreak in a specific area.