

GUIDANCE ON PAYMENTS FOR VACCINES

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

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
Covid-19 (adults)	Immunisation offered under the NHS for those aged 65 years and over, those in a risk category and other defined cohorts as stipulated by the JCVI/DHSC as required	Free supply through ImmForm do not claim on FP34 or FP10
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b and Hepatitis B (DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB)	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Polio (dTaP/IPV)	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Diphtheria (low dose), Tetanus, Pertussis and Polio (dTaP/IPV)	Pregnant women and new mothers national immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Hib / Meningococcal group C (Hib/MenC)	National Childhood Immunisation scheme and secondary cases of MenB	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Human Papillomavirus (HPV) (Gardasil)	National Childhood Immunisation scheme (and at risk groups via ImmForm)	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Influenza inactivated vaccine	Seasonal Immunisation offered under the NHS for those aged 65 years and over, those in a risk category and other defined cohorts	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)	National Childhood Immunisation scheme and catch-up schedules	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Meningococcal ACWY conjugate vaccination (MenACWY)	National Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Meningococcal B (MenB)	National Childhood Immunisation scheme (and at risk groups via ImmForm)	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34

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Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV)	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPV23)	National Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Rotavirus	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Shingles	National Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34
Tetanus, diphtheria (low dose) and polio (Td/IPV)	National Childhood Immunisation scheme	Free supply through ImmForm. Do NOT claim on FP10 or FP34

Travel vaccination

Vaccine name	TRAVEL 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 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 and NaTHNaC	FP34
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
Tetanus (only available as combined vaccines)	Travellers requiring vaccination or booster.	FP10
Typhoid polysaccharide	Travellers to countries where typhoid vaccination is recommended by NaTHNaC	FP34
	TRAVEL Situations where vaccine is NOT offered free of charge on the NHS	
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. See Hep B PAD entry for full details	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 - See Hep B PAD entry for full details	Not on the NHS
Japanese B encephalitis	Not provided on the NHS	Not on the NHS
Meningococcal ACWY	Not remunerated by the NHS as part of additional services. It has been locally agreed that Men ACWY for travel should only be prescribed / supplied as a private service. See Men ACWY PAD entry for full details	Not on the NHS

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Vaccine name	TRAVEL Situations where vaccine is NOT offered free of charge on the NHS	
Rabies	Not provided on the NHS	Not on the NHS
Tick-borne encephalitis	Not provided on the NHS	Not on the NHS
Yellow fever	Not provided on the NHS. Travellers seeking vaccination may only do so as a private service via designated Yellow Fever Vaccination Centres.	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.

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Vaccine name	AT RISK GROUPS where vaccine is offered free of charge under the NHS Global sum	Method for claiming payment under global sum
BCG	See Green Book for list of at risk patient groups for tuberculosis	Free supply through ImmForm do not claim on FP34 or FP10
Covid-19 mRNA (children and young people)	At risk groups, close contacts and frontline health and social careworkers	Free supply through ImmForm do not claim on FP34 or FP10
Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)	At risk groups and childhood immunisations	Free supply through ImmForm do not claim on FP34 or FP10
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Polio (dTaP/IPV)	Tetanus prone wounds, cases and contacts	FP10
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b and Hepatitis B (dTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB)	Tetanus prone wounds, cases and contacts, at risk infants	FP10
Tetanus, diphtheria (low dose) and polio (Td/IPV)	Tetanus prone wounds, cases and contacts	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
Human Papillomavirus (HPV) (Gardasil)	At risk groups and childhood immunisations	Free supply through ImmForm do not claim on FP34 or FP10
Meningococcal ACWY	See Green Book for list of at risk patient groups	FP34
Meningococcal B	At risk groups and childhood immunisations	Free supply through ImmForm do not claim on FP34 or FP10
Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV)	See Green Book for list of at risk patient groups	FP34
Smallpox (for monkeypox)	See Green Book for list of at risk patient groups	Supply via UKHSA only
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

Vaccination for occupational risk

The responsibility for occupational risk vaccination rests with the employer under Health & Safety Legislation.

It is the GPC's view that there is no obligation under the GMS regulations for a practice to provide occupational health services for their patients.

It is worth noting that a practice can choose to enter into a private contract with an employer or medical school but **cannot accept a fee from their registered patients, only from the employer.**

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.

Note that 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

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.

Such 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
- Taking bloods, blood tests¹ and 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

Under the [Human Medicines Regulations 2012](#) (Part 12, Chapter 3, para 230) **NHS GP practices are not permitted to use NHS PGDs to administer treatment for non-NHS circumstances**

Additional sources of information

[The Green Book Part 2](#)

[BMA Focus on Travel Immunisation](#)

[Hepatitis B vaccinations \(bma.org.uk\)](#)

[Vaccination and immunisation programmes \(bma.org.uk\)](#)

[High volume vaccine claim forms \(FP34\) – NHSBSA guidance](#)

¹ Blood tests and pathology services for private patients should be charged to the patient. It is therefore appropriate for practices to indicate to the pathology service that the blood test is being carried out as part of a private episode of care. In doing so, the pathology service provider may levy a charge. Arrangements for this vary locally and depend on the pathology service provider who may charge the referring GP practice or charge the patient directly. Practices who receive the charge for the private pathology service may pass on the cost to the patient