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To: Practice Managers and Authorised Vaccinators, Tairāwhiti Distr

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**Re: Status of Immunisation Authorised Vaccinators for Non-Fun
within your organisation**

The current Medicines Regulations 1984, clause 44A (2) states:

'The director-general of Health or a medical officer of health may authorise any person to administer a vaccine (which is a prescription medicine) for the purposes of an approved immunisation programme.' 2020 NZ Immunisation Handbook (online).

To simplify the situation around whether Authorised Vaccinators can provide vaccines that are recommended but not funded (e.g. influenza in non-funded group), I formally approve all primary care practices in Tairāwhiti as 'Approved Immunisation Programmes' as long as the practice manager can ensure on an annual basis that the following conditions are met:

- The practice has current cold-chain accreditation and is equipped to manage emergency situations
- All Authorised Vaccinators have current status
- Any non-authorised Vaccinators require doctor's prescription or standing order.

This blanket approval does **not** cover the following situations:

- Offsite vaccination programmes (these require separate approval)
- Travel vaccinations.

Please contact me or Janine Brown, Immunisation Co-ordinator, if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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