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To: Practice Managers and Authorised Vaccinators, Tairāwhiti District

**Re: Status of Immunisation Authorised Vaccinators for Non-Funded Immunisation Programmes 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.'* Appendix 4; 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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