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The following information, in question and answer format, is provided to assist your pharmacy in preparing for the upcoming influenza season.

### Who is eligible to have publicly-funded influenza vaccine administered by a pharmacist?

All individuals 5 years of age and over are eligible to have publicly-funded influenza vaccine administered by a pharmacist and billed to Pharmacare. Publicly-funded influenza vaccine is available free of charge. There are no copayments or deductibles associated with the vaccine.

### What pharmacies are eligible to bill for the administration of publicly-funded influenza vaccine?

Pharmacies set up as providers to bill publicly-funded influenza vaccine administration fees last year are already set up for the 2014-15 influenza season. However, all pharmacies are still required to contact their local public health office to confirm their email, dispensary telephone number, and their preferred method for being contacted by public health.

Pharmacies that have not yet been set up as a provider to bill publicly-funded influenza vaccine administration must:

1. Comply with the required training and application expectations set out by the *Pharmacist Extended Practice Regulations* and the NSCP's *Standards of Practice: Drug Administration*.
2. Sign the *Confirmation of Agreement Form for Pharmacist Administered Publicly Funded Seasonal Influenza Vaccine* (available in the *Pharmacists' Guide*) and submit it to Medavie Blue Cross. Medavie Blue Cross will confirm by email or facsimile that the pharmacy has been set up as a provider to bill influenza vaccine administration fees.

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3. Provide their local public health office with their provider confirmation and any other information the public health office requires to issue influenza vaccine to the pharmacy.

**Where do pharmacies get publicly-funded influenza vaccine this year?**

All publicly-funded influenza vaccine must be obtained from the local public health office. All providers are responsible for any transportation costs to obtain publicly-funded vaccine. Pharmacies should contact their local public health office to place their order for vaccine and to arrange pick-up. Review the packing protocol for transporting biologicals in the Nova Scotia Immunization Manual (located at: <http://novascotia.ca/dhw/cdpc/documents/Immunization-Manual.pdf> ) to ensure you have all the required equipment when you pick up your vaccine. Public health can only release vaccine in accordance with this protocol.

**When can pharmacists begin administering publicly-funded influenza vaccine?**

No publicly-funded influenza vaccine is to be administered prior to the launch date announced by Public Health in the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness.

**How do pharmacies bill Pharmacare for influenza vaccine administration fees?**

*Online Claims Administration Process:*

Fees for the administration of publicly-funded influenza vaccine to Nova Scotia residents must be billed to Pharmacare online. The electronic claim must contain the following in the patient's insurance field:

- Patient ID – the patient's Nova Scotia Health Card Number
- Carrier ID – NS

If a patient is already set up in the pharmacy system with Pharmacare coverage (e.g., Seniors' Pharmacare, Family Pharmacare), a separate patient file does not need to be created.

Claims must be submitted using the DIN of the vaccine administered to the patient, unless the patient is pregnant or is a child receiving a second vaccine dose. See the table on Page 4 for direction related to submitting claims using a PIN for pregnant women or children receiving a second dose.

Claims are submitted with the administration fee in the professional fee field. Providers are not reimbursed for ingredient costs or markups for these claims as they are able to access publicly-funded vaccine at no charge.

*Manual Claims Submission Process:*

Fees for the administration of publicly-funded influenza vaccine to individuals who do not have a Nova Scotia Health Card Number must be invoiced to Pharmacare using the attached manual invoice.

Manual claims are reimbursed by Pharmacare as a bottom line adjustment provided all fields on the form are completed for each claim. These claims must include the DIN of the vaccine administered to the patient or the PIN for pregnant women or children receiving a second dose.

Providers are to submit the manual invoice form to Medavie Blue Cross for payment when it is full or at the end of the influenza season.

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**What documentation does a pharmacy need to retain for audit purposes?**

Pharmacies must retain the signed patient Consent and Disclosure form for each claim reimbursed by Pharmacare.

**How do I report an adverse events following immunization?**

It is possible that reactions may occur after administration of influenza vaccine, without a causal association to the vaccine. These reactions must be reported to public health for the appropriate follow-up. Providers should document an adverse event following immunization (AEFI) using the Public Health Agency of Canada AEFI form (located at: <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/im/ae-fi-essi-form-desc-eng.phpfollow-up>) and forward the form to the local public health office. The local public health office reviews these reports and enters them in their local database before forwarding them to the Public Health Agency of Canada.

**What do I do if there is a break in the cold chain?**

Cold chain refers to the process used to maintain optimal conditions during the transport, storage, and handling of vaccines, starting with the manufacturer and ending with the administration of the vaccine. When vaccines are exposed to temperatures of less than 2°C or more than 8°C, the result is a break in the cold chain. Vaccines affected by a break in the cold chain must be packaged separately, identified with a sticker reading "DO NO USE," and stored in a refrigerator at between 2°C and 8°C separately from vaccines in current use. Contact your local public health office to determine whether or not they can be used.

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**Claims Submission Fields for Pharmacist-Administered Publicly Funded Influenza Vaccines**

CPHA CLAIM STANDARD FIELD #	CPHA CLAIM STANDARD FIELD NAME	CONTENT
D.56.03	DIN/GP#/PIN	<p><b>DINs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agriflu® 02346850</li> <li>- Fluviral® 02015986</li> </ul> <p><b>PIN for pregnant women</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agriflu® 93899922</li> <li>- Fluviral® 93899921</li> </ul> <p><b>PIN for second dose for children</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agriflu® 93899920</li> <li>- Fluviral® 93899919</li> </ul>
D.58.03	Quantity	000001 (one)
D.61.03	Prescriber ID	Pharmacists prescriber ID
D.66.03	Drug Cost/Product Value	DDDDD (dollar value - not adjudicated)
D.67.03	Cost Upcharge	DDDDD (dollar value - not adjudicated)
D.68.03	Professional Fee	\$11.75 (April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015)
		\$12.00 (April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016)



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Name of Provider \_\_\_\_\_ Provider No. \_\_\_\_\_

Provider Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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	Date of Service (YYYY/MM/DD)	Provincial Health Card Number		Date of Birth (YYYY/MM/DD)	Sex (M/F/U)	DIN/GP#/PIN	Quantity	Prescriber ID	Prof. Fee (\$)
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