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Effective September 15, 2025, all Nova Scotia residents aged 75 years and older who have not previously received the vaccine are eligible to receive a publicly funded RSV vaccine.

No eligible individual is to be charged any fees for the vaccine or the administration.

The service fee for each administration in the pharmacy is \$18.00. The fee applies to RSV vaccine administered in a community pharmacy by licensed pharmacists and any self-regulated health professional administering the vaccine under a pharmacist's direction and supervision when performed in compliance with the regulations and standards of practice.

Pharmacies will not submit individual claims for payment via the pharmacare adjudication system. All RSV vaccine administrations for those 75 years and older will be entered into CANImmunize Clinic Flow and pharmacies will be reimbursed in the same manner as COVID-19 and Flu vaccines. DHW will use the Clinic Flow system to generate reports indicating the immunization volumes for each pharmacy based on the pharmacy's active license number. DHW submits these reports to Medavie and payments are processed on a bi-weekly basis within two pay periods of report submission. The payments appear as a bottom-line adjustment on each pharmacy's pay statement, labelled as "RSV" with a date range for when the immunizations occurred. Any questions about payment can be directed to Medavie Blue Cross through the Pharmacare phone line at 1-800-305-5026.

To ensure accurate and timely payment, all RSV vaccines for those 75 years and older must be recorded in CANImmunize on the same day as administration. A delay in data entry may result in missed payments. If your pharmacy is issued a new licence number, you must update the licence number in CANImmunize Clinic Flow to ensure payments for vaccinations can be processed. Incorrect or inactive license numbers will result in payments not being processed. Any doses that are given to those younger than 75 years of age and paid for out of pocket are to be recorded in the DIS.