

SUBSIDIES FOR VACCINATIONS AND CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS

by Agency for Integrated Care

As part of our efforts to better protect Singaporeans from vaccine-preventable diseases and to reduce the risk of outbreaks in the community, the Ministry of Health (MOH) will enhance subsidies for vaccinations recommended under the National Childhood Immunisation Schedule (NCIS) and National Adult Immunisation Schedule (NAIS) at all Community Health Assist Scheme (CHAS) General Practitioner (GP) clinics and polyclinics from 1 November 2020.

All eligible Singaporean children will also receive full subsidies for childhood developmental screening at all CHAS GP clinics and polyclinics, so that they may receive the necessary developmental assessments together with their childhood immunisations from their family doctor.

Vaccination Subsidy

Eligible Singaporeans need only pay the following amounts for the range of nationally recommended vaccinations at CHAS GP clinics, after government subsidies:



- Eligible Singaporean children: \$0
- Eligible Pioneer Generation cardholders: capped at \$9 to \$16 per vaccination dose
- Eligible Merdeka Generation, CHAS Blue and Orange cardholders: capped at \$18 to \$31 per vaccination dose
- Other eligible adult Singaporeans: capped at \$35 to \$63 per vaccination dose

CDS Subsidy



Eligible Singaporean children will also receive full subsidy for the seven childhood developmental screening milestones, at both CHAS GP clinics and polyclinics.

NATIONAL ADULT IMMUNISATION SCHEDULE (NAIS)

MOH established the NAIS in 2017 to provide guidance on vaccinations for persons age 18 years or older.

From 1 November 2020, in addition to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), the CDMP/CHAS Chronic conditions for which influenza vaccination is claimable will be expanded to include diabetes, hypertension, lipid disorders, asthma, chronic kidney disease (CKD), and ischaemic heart disease (IHD), in line with NAIS guidelines on the recommended groups for seasonal influenza vaccination.

Vaccines	18-26 years	27-64 years	≥ 65 years
Influenza (INF)	1 dose annually or per season		1 dose annually or per season
Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13)	1 dose		
Pneumococcal polysaccharide (PPSV23)	1 or 2 doses (depending on indication)		1 dose
Tetanus, reduced diphtheria and acellular pertussis (Tdap)	1 dose during each pregnancy		
Human papillomavirus (HPV2 or HPV4)	3 doses (Females)		
Hepatitis B (HepB)	3 doses		
Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)	2 doses		
Varicella (VAR)	2 doses		

● Recommended for adults who meet age requirement

● Recommended for adults with specific medical conditions or indications

● Recommended for adults who have not been previously vaccinated or lack evidence of past infection / immunity

NATIONAL CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATION SCHEDULE (NCIS) AND CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING (CDS)

The NCIS lists childhood vaccinations recommended as the standard of care for protection against dangerous or deadly diseases in Singapore. As part of holistic preventive care for children, CDS is often opportunistically conducted with vaccinations, and allows family doctors to screen for developmental delays in children and to make timely referrals for early intervention if necessary.

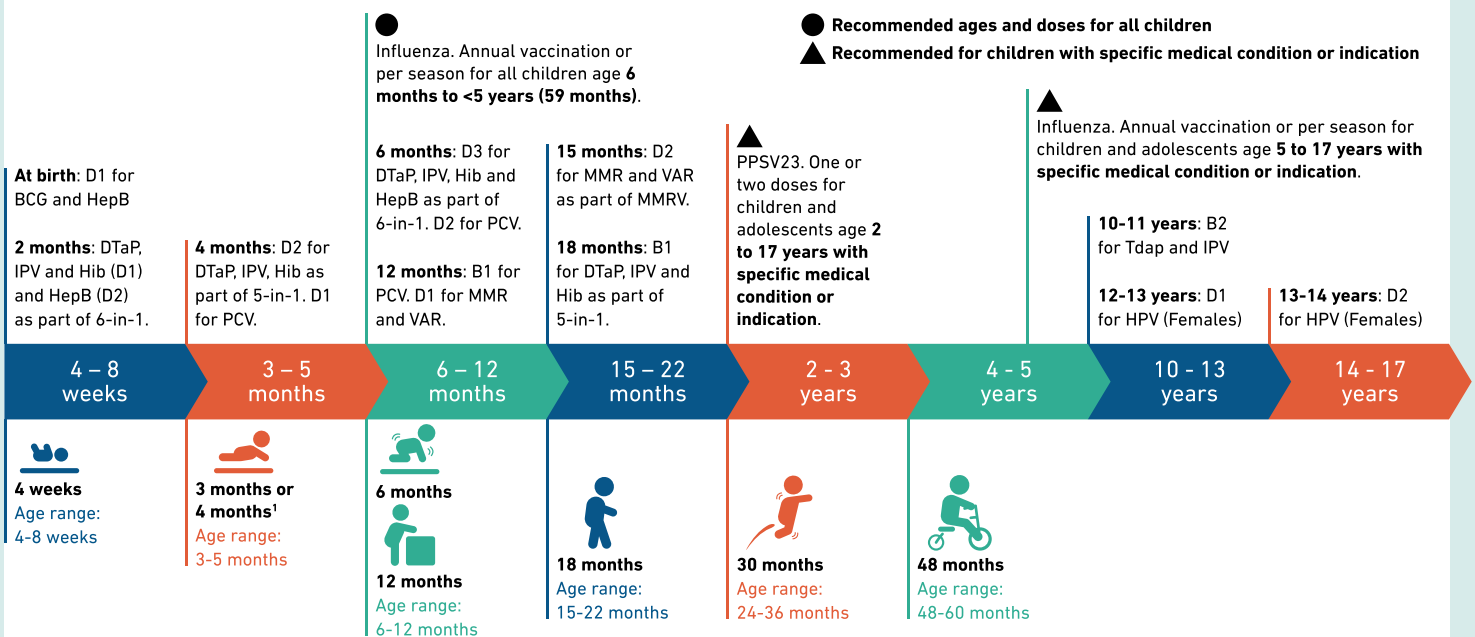
WHAT'S NEW!

From 1 November 2020, varicella, influenza and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccines will be added to the NCIS for specific age groups, to better safeguard children's health.

Recommended Schedule for CDS:

- There are seven recommended touchpoints at which CDS should be done.
- As part of harmonising CDS and NCIS vaccination visits, the recommended visit schedule is typically at 4 weeks, 3, 6, 12, 18, 30, 48 months of age for children starting on the 5-in-1 vaccine schedule. For children starting on the 6-in-1 vaccine schedule, the second CDS visit will be at 4 months instead of 3 months. However, a child could be brought in at any time within the specific age ranges as shown in the figure below.

National Childhood Immunisation Schedule (From birth to age 17 years, effective from 1 November 2020)



FOOTNOTES:

- **D1, D2, D3:** Dose 1, Dose 2, Dose 3
- **B1, B2:** Booster 1, Booster 2
- **10-11, 12-13, 13-14 years:** Primary 5, Secondary 1, Secondary 2 (Tdap, IPV, HPV (for females) and MMR (as catch-up) vaccines are provided as part of Health Promotion Board's school-based vaccination programme)
- **MMR:** Only the dose 2 is recommended to be given as part of the MMRV vaccine
- **Hep B:** Doses 2 and 3 are recommended to be given as part of the 6-in-1 vaccine at 2 and 6 months, respectively
- Please visit Primary Care Pages (www.primarycarepages.sg) for the NCIS.
- ¹ Clinicians may wish to conduct the CDS together with vaccinations at 3 months old for children starting on 5-in-1 (DTaP/IPV/Hib) schedule, and at 4 months for children starting on the 6-in-1 schedule.

"As a family physician in the community, our goal is to provide quality comprehensive affordable healthcare services to our patients. I warmly welcome the addition of vaccination and CDS subsidies, as they are important components of a holistic care."

- Dr Jason Pang, Health Partners Medical Clinic

"New subsidies planned to be rolled out by the last quarter of 2020 are an enabler for family physicians to play the active role in childhood developmental surveillance, so that deviations can be detected and managed without delay."

- Dr Elaine Chua, Bedok Medical Centre

For more information about the upcoming subsidy scheme for vaccinations and CDS, please contact the GP Engagement team at gp@aic.sg or 6632 1199. Or visit Primary Care Pages (www.primarycarepages.sg).