



Dear Colleague

## Shingles (Herpes Zoster) Immunisation Scheme DIRECTED ENHANCED SERVICE

### Summary

1. This Circular provides guidance to NHS Boards and GP Practices on the Shingles (Herpes Zoster) Immunisation Scheme.
2. This circular also gives Directions to Health Boards on behalf of Scottish Ministers detailing the payment arrangements, **Annex A**, which must be made under the DES.

### Background

3. This new Shingles DES, reflects advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) to improve the overall level of protection against vaccine-preventable diseases.
4. This circular provides specific details of the Shingles Directed Enhanced Service (DES), including funding and payment arrangements, as agreed with the Scottish General Practitioners Committee (SGPC).
5. The programme will come as a one-off vaccination for 70 year olds from 1 September 2013 and a catch up programme from 71 to 79 year olds in the next few years . The catch up this year is for those who are 79 years of age but not yet 80 years of age on 1 September 2013 .

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#### Addresses

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**Target groups ((see Green Book Chapter - [Shingles \(herpes zoster\): chapter 28a](#))**

1. For Shingles, contractors will be expected to offer immunisation to the following groups, as set out in the DES Directions 2013:
  - (i) Routine cohort (2013/14) - He/she is 70 years of age but not yet 71 years of age on the 1 September 2013 (Those born between 2 September 1942 and 1 September 1943 )
  - (ii) Catch-up cohort (2013/14) – He / she is 79 years of age but not yet 80 years on the 1 September 2013 (Those born between 2 September 1933 and 1 September 1934)

**. Timing**

2. The Shingles Immunisation, subject to vaccine availability, can be given throughout the year.

**Reporting arrangements**

3. Apart from monitoring uptake for payment purposes, it is important to provide timely data in the interest of patient safety, particularly in situations where the vaccination could be offered in more than one setting. GP practices will be required to provide Health Boards with reasonable immunisation data which will continue to inform the analysis of the changes in Shingles epidemiology, by age.

**Claims for Payments**

4. Practitioner Services Division will agree separate guidance with SGPC regarding claims including claim forms that will be provided to practices

**Action**

5. NHS Boards are requested to action this guidance and ensure that their primary medical services contractors are aware of it.

**Enquiries**

6. In the instance for any enquiries on this circular please contact Frank McGregor

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Director, Primary Care Division

## **Payment Arrangements – Directions to Health Boards**

The Scottish Ministers give the following Directions to Health Boards.

1. Contractors who have entered into an arrangement with a Health Board as part of that Health Board's Shingles Immunisation Scheme will be reimbursed in accordance with the paragraphs below.
2. Contractors providing the Shingles vaccination will be reimbursed, from date, 1 July 2013.
3. Payments applicable to GMS contracts for Shingles
  - a flat rate of £7.67 will be paid per immunisation

## **Payment Verification**

Prior to issuing payments in accordance with the above, Health Boards must require contractors and providers who have entered into an arrangement with a Health Board's Shingles Immunisation Scheme in terms of the DES Directions 2013 to sign a declaration to confirm that they are meeting the requirements of the DES Directions 2013.