



# **Increasing Childhood Immunisation Coverage Rates in Your Practice**



**A guide for Practice Staff**



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## UNDERSTANDING COVERAGE RATES & PAYMENTS

### What do your coverage rates measure?

- They measure the percentage of children, up to the age of 7 years, who are assessed as 'fully immunised' against the diseases included on the National Immunisation Program (NIP). See the table below. These vaccines are free of charge to the parent.
- Your coverage rates only include children who have attended your clinic at least twice in the preceding 12 months. The child's visits do not have to be immunisation related.

Current as at January 2010

AGE	DISEASE IMMUNISED AGAINST	VACCINE BRANDS
<b>Birth</b>	Hepatitis B	H-B-Vax II Paediatric
<b>2 months</b>	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, poliomyelitis, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type B  Pneumococcal  Rotavirus	Infanrix <i>hexa</i>  Prevenar  RotaTeq
<b>4 months</b>	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, poliomyelitis, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type B  Pneumococcal  Rotavirus	Infanrix <i>hexa</i>  Prevenar  RotaTeq
<b>6 months</b> (Note increased risk categories)	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, poliomyelitis, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type B  Pneumococcal  Rotavirus	Infanrix <i>hexa</i>  Prevenar  RotaTeq
<b>12 months</b> (Note increased risk categories)	Measles, mumps, rubella  <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type B  Meningococcal C	Priorix  Hiberix  NeisVacC
<b>18 months</b>	Chickenpox	Varilrix*
<b>4 years</b> (Note increased risk categories)	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio  Measles, mumps, rubella	Infanrix IPV  Priorix

\*Increased risk categories on next page

INCREASED RISK CATEGORIES	DISEASE	VACCINE BRAND
<b>From 6 months of age</b> With underlying medical risk factors	Influenza	Influenza annually▪
<b>12 months of age premature babies</b> <32 weeks gestation or <2000g birth weight	Hepatitis B	H-B-Vax II Paediatric
<b>12 months of age premature babies</b> <28 weeks gestation	Pneumococcal	Prevenar
<b>4-5 years of age</b> With underlying medical risk factors and/or <28 weeks gestation	Pneumococcal	Pneumovax 23

- Give two doses of influenza vaccine in the first year in children aged 6 months to 9 years.
- ♦Varilrix vaccine not required if history of varicella infection

## How are they calculated?

Coverage rates are calculated from immunisations that are reported to the ACIR (Australian Childhood Immunisation Register). The ACIR is a national database that was established in 1996 as a response to an increase in occurrence of preventable childhood diseases. Its overall aim is to increase immunisation coverage rates in Australia. Therefore, your coverage rates rely on accurate & up-to-date reporting of immunisations to the ACIR. Your practice should report all immunisations including:

- immunisations that occur in your clinic  
AND
- immunisations that have been administered by a provider outside your clinic but have not yet reported to the ACIR (for example, overseas immunisations)

*PLEASE NOTE: It is important that ALL immunisations are reported to the ACIR, even if they do not affect your coverage rates.*

## When are they calculated?

Coverage rates are calculated 4 times a year, near the end of each quarter. The quarters are:

- February quarter
- May quarter
- August quarter
- November quarter

## How are you notified of your coverage rate?

At the end of the quarter, your practice will receive a statement from Medicare Australia called the **GPII Practice Preliminary (Calculation) Feedback Statement**. This is a 2 page document (See Sample 1, page 6). You will find your coverage rate at the top of the second page.

## Recalculation of coverage rates

**TAKE NOTE!!**

All clinics have a **SECOND CHANCE** to improve their coverage rate result. Coverage rates and Outcomes Payments are recalculated and finalised 3 months after the original calculation.

- This allows 3 months for the details of any missing immunisations given before the calculation to be included on the ACIR.
- The recalculated payment amount is compared with the original payment amount and a payment adjustment is made where a positive variance exists.
- This payment adjustment information will be sent to the practice in a **GPII Practice Final (Recalculation) Feedback Statement**. (See Sample 2, page 8).

If the immunisation status has not changed for any children, then you will not receive this statement. Your clinic should aim to receive this statement as it reflects improvement.

# GPII Practice Preliminary (Calculation) Feedback Statement

**Australian Government****Medicare Australia**

If not delivered return to GPO Box 295 Hobart Tas

26 February 2008

Phone: **1800 246 101**

(Call charges apply from mobile or pay phones only)

Dr J Citizen  
 Family Medical Practice  
 123 Alphabet Road  
 TUGGERANONG ACT 2900

Run no: G039

Practice: 00001

Medicare Australia ABN: 75 174 030 967

## General Practice Immunisation Incentives (GPII) Practice Preliminary (Calculation) Feedback Statement

For: February 2008 Quarter

Medicare Australia calculates your outcomes payment based on the immunisation status of children who attended your practice (including single visits) in the 12 month reference period 1 October 2006 to 30 September 2007. The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (the ACIR) assesses the immunisation status as at the date of the calculation using the National Due and Overdue Rules for Childhood Immunisation.

The following table shows the number of children, by age range and assessment status, who have attended your practice (including single visits) during the 12 month reference period.

Age range (months)	Assessment Status		Total Children Seen
	Fully Immunised	Not Fully Immunised	
4 to <12	46	2	48
12 to <18	62	6	68
18 to <48	331	9	340
48 to <84	259	20	279
84+	26	0	26

<sup>1</sup> Children on 'catch-up' vaccinations are distributed among the age groupings

### Checking your records

You can use your practice's GPII Practice Report (GPII020A) to check the details for children who were assessed as being not fully immunized during the 12 month reference period to request a copy of the report:

- Visit the ACIR secure Internet site at [www.medicareaustralia.gov.au](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au)
- Complete a GP11010A request form, available at [www.medicareaustralia.gov.au](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au) or by calling the GPII enquiry line

### More information

If you have any questions about this statement, please contact the GPII enquiry line on **1800 246 101**. To find out more about the GPII scheme, visit **[www.medicareaustralia.gov.au](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au)**.

# GPII Practice Preliminary (Calculation) Feedback Statement



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This figure is your coverage rate. It must be over 90% to earn the outcome payment.

## Assessment and Calculations

### Proportion of Children fully immunised

**95.8%** of the children who attended your practice during the 12 month reference period were fully immunized as at 20 February 2008 (the date of the calculation).

### Whole Patient Equivalent

The outcomes payment calculation is based on Whole Patient Equivalents (WPE) shown in the table below, which takes into account the proportion of care your practice provided to each child. For example, a child who attends only your practice in the 12 month reference period counts as 1 WPE, while a child who visits more than one practice counts as a fraction of a WPE for each practice.

### Information about the calculation

To calculate the percentage of fully immunized children, we divided the WPE value of children fully immunized by the WPE value of children seen and multiplied this number by 100. The following table does not include children who attended your practice just once in the reference period (single visits).

Age range (months)	Children Seen		Children Fully Immunised (WPI)	Fully Immunised	
	(WPE)	(%)		Your practice (%)	Your division (%)
0 <4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	96.8
4 to <12	18.30	5.9	17.30	94.5	87.0
12 to <18	26.70	806	25.2	94.4	82.7
18 to <48	143.90	46.3	140.40	97.6	94.2
48 to <84	112.30	36.1	105.20	93.7	89.7
84+	9.50	3.1	9.5	100.0	n/a
<b>Overall</b>	<b>310.70</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>297.60</b>	<b>95.8</b>	<b>90.8</b>

### Your practice's payment

We pay practices \$3.50 per WPE each quarter where they achieve 90% or greater proportions of full immunisation and have 10 or more WPEs.

Your quarterly payment		310.70 WPE excluding single visits
	+	211.60 WPE single visits
	=	<u>522.30</u> x \$3.50 = \$1828.05

# GPII Practice Final (Recalculation) Feedback Statement



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26 March 2008

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## General Practice Immunisation Incentives (GPII) Practice Final (Recalculation) Feedback Statement

For: November 2007 Quarter

Medicare Australia recalculated your outcomes payment for the November 2007 quarter using the same 12 month reference period as the original calculation. This has resulted in an additional payment to your practice.

The following table shows, by age range, the percentage of children seen at your practice during the 12 month reference period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 that are fully immunized. **91.6%** of children in your practice are fully immunized after the recalculation.

Age range (months)	Your Practice %		Your division (%)	
	Original Calculation	Recalculation	Original Calculation	Recalculation
0 <4	n/a	n/a	95.3	97.9
4 to <12	87.0	91.9	83.4	86.2
12 to <18	82.9	86.9	81.4	84.1
18 to <48	95.1	95.4	91.4	91.7
48 to <84	87.8	87.8	85.5	86.0
84+	100.0	100.0	n/a	n/a
<b>Overall</b>	<b>89.1</b>	<b>91.6</b>	<b>87.5</b>	<b>88.5</b>

Original coverage rate %

Recalculated coverage rate%

### Your practice's payment

Where a positive variance exists for the recalculation, the amount originally calculated for your practice is subtracted from the recalculated amount.

Your original payment = \$0.00

Your recalculated payment + 194.50 WPE excluding single visits  
+ 90.30 WPE single visits

= 284.80 x \$3.50 = \$996.80

Your payment adjustment for the November 2007 quarter:

\$996.80  
- 0.00

= \$996.80

### More Information

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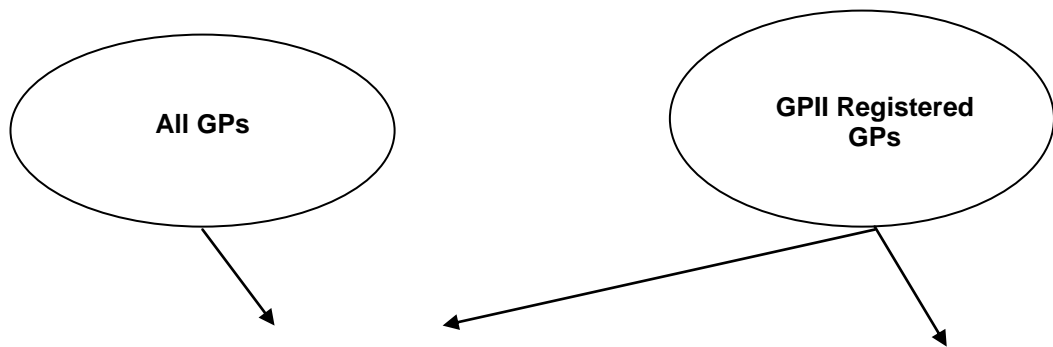
# IMMUNISATION PAYMENTS

Two immunisation payments are available to General Practices that immunise accordingly to the NIP, these include:

1. ACIR Information Payment
2. Outcomes Payment Bonus

See a summary of these payments in the table below.

All GP's earn the ACIR Information Payment if they report immunisations to the ACIR. If a GP is registered for the General Practice Immunisation Incentives (GPII) scheme, they continue to earn this payment and an Outcomes Bonus payment.



	<b>1</b> <b>ACIR Information Payment</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Outcomes Bonus Payment</b>
<b>\$</b>	\$6.00 (plus GST) for each age based vaccination schedule* that is reported to the ACIR	\$3.50 (plus GST) for each Whole Patient Equivalent (WPE) if the practice coverage rate is least 90% and the WPE is at least 10 **
<b>Frequency of Payment</b>	Quarterly	
<b>Notification of Payment</b>	GPII Feedback Statement (SAMPLE 1 pages 6-7)	

\*A completed age based vaccination schedule must include immunisation against each disease listed on the NIP for an age milestone. For example, the 2 month 'age based vaccination schedule' includes immunisation against Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, haemophilus influenzae type B, hepatitis B, pneumococcal and rotavirus. The child must receive immunisation against each of these diseases in order for it to be considered complete & therefore earn payments.

\*\*The Whole Patient Equivalent (WPE) is the sum of the proportion of care your practice provides to each child during a 12 month period. For example, during the last 12 months, a child is seen by your clinic for two level B Consultations and by another clinic for two level B Consultations. The WPE attributed to your clinic for that child is 0.5. If this child is only seen in your clinic then the WPE allocated to your clinic would be 1.

## REPORTING INFORMATION TO THE ACIR

Children who are assessed by the ACIR as 'not fully immunised' fall into one of two groups.

They are either:

- genuinely overdue for one or more immunisations or;
- they are up-to-date with their immunisations but the information has not made it to the ACIR.

Both groups equally affect your coverage rates and payments.

The key to increasing your rates is to implement systematic processes into your practice to:

- prevent children from becoming overdue, and
- follow-up children who have become overdue
- assess the way you report information to the ACIR
- follow the monthly & quarterly tasks outlined on page 13.

### **How regularly does your clinic report immunisations?**

It is strongly recommended that you report your immunisations at least once a week. This ensures that the ACIR database is kept as up-to-date as possible.

The ACIR automatically sends out History Statements:

- At 18 months of age (issued five days prior to the child turning 18 months of age)
- At the completion of schedule- upon the ACIR recording the child's four year immunisation schedule
- On the 5<sup>th</sup> birthday (issued five days after the child's fifth birthday-*provided they haven't already received a statement that includes the child's four year immunisation schedule*)
- Upon request from a parent/guardian

## Which reporting method does your clinic use?

There are 3 ways to report immunisations to the ACIR. See the table below.

Method	Description & Things to consider
<b>Manual Notification</b>	Fill in paper forms (eg. Immunisation encounter form). Post them to the ACIR.
<b>ACIR Website</b>	<p>Log onto the ACIR website at <a href="http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/patients/acir/index.jsp">http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/patients/acir/index.jsp</a> and record the encounter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This option is available to any practice that has access to a broadband internet connection</li> <li>• Accessing the ACIR secure site allows you to log in directly to the ACIR database. In addition to reporting immunisations, you can also check and update a child's immunisation history on line, including recording immunisations that were given by another provider</li> <li>• Login details to the ACIR secure site are linked to individual GP provider numbers. In cases where practice staff are performing data entry on behalf of all GPs in a practice, this may mean that practice staff have to login and logout of the site under multiple usernames and passwords depending on which GP in the practice performed the immunisation.</li> </ul>
<b>Online claiming via GP software</b>	<p>Record the encounter on your existing software. An electronic claim is automatically sent from clinic software directly to Medicare Australia server via secure internet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This option is only available to practices that are using online claiming</li> <li>• Not all practice management packages allow ACIR reporting-check with your software manufacturer for details</li> <li>• If you are entering vaccinations into your clinical software this information will not automatically transfer to your practice management software unless you are using Medical Director in combination with Pracsoft. For all other software products someone in the practice will have to re-enter the data into the practice management software to enable it to be transferred to ACIR.</li> </ul>

## The benefits of reporting to ACIR electronically are:

- **Timely reporting**  
ACIR manual 'purple' forms sometimes remain in the surgery for a while before being posted and there may also be a delay in data entry once they are received by ACIR
- **Quicker access to immunisation incentive payments for GPs and parents**  
Delays in reporting ultimately mean that a child's immunisation record may be falsely out of date. Until the data has been updated parents and GPs will be unable to claim immunisation incentive payments to which they are entitled
- **Reduce data entry error**  
ACIR manual 'purple' forms need to be entered manually. Despite the best efforts of ACIR staff, sometimes an entry error occurs. Reporting online reduces the number of people involved in processing a report thereby decreasing the likelihood that a data entry error will occur.

## Reporting other information to the ACIR

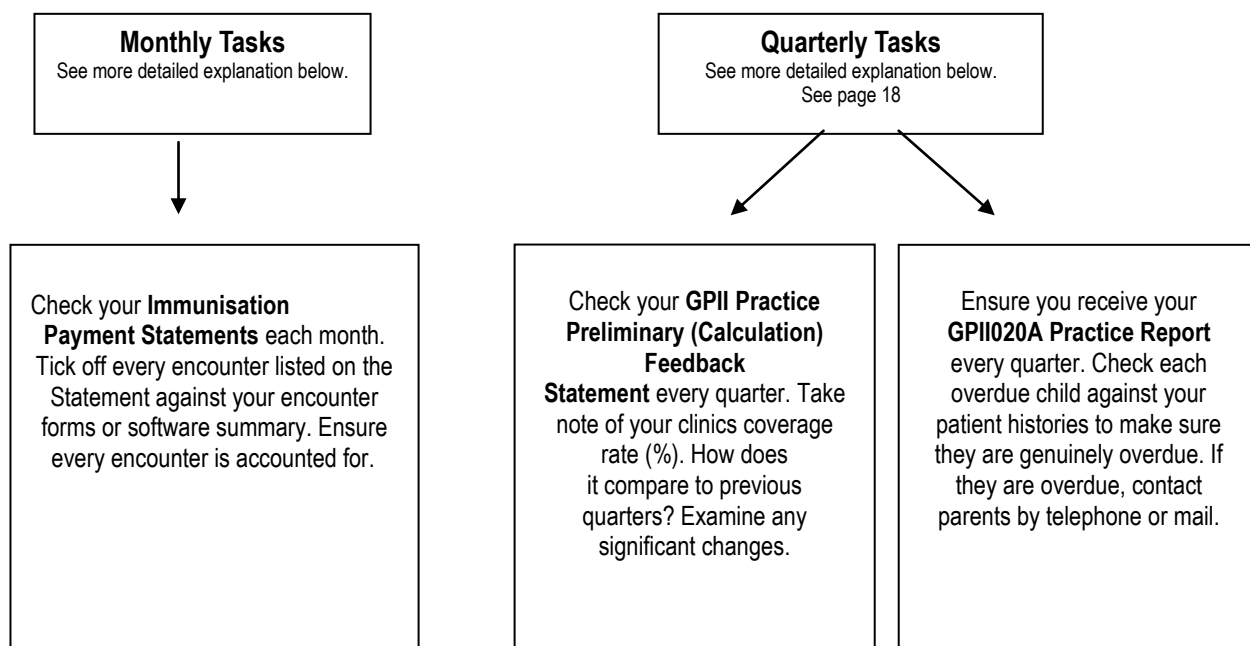
It is important that your clinic reports all immunisation related information to the ACIR. This includes information such as immunisations that your clinic did not administer and conscientious objectors. ACIR will only accept this information if it is reported via the specified method.

Refer to the information below.

Information	Method of Reporting
<b>Immunisations by Another Provider</b>	Immunisations that the child has been given, either in Australia or overseas, should be reported to the ACIR. There are 3 methods of submitting this data:  * manually on the purple Immunisation History Form, available from website below: <a href="http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/pubs/forms/files/immunisation_history_form.pdf">www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/pubs/forms/files/immunisation_history_form.pdf</a> ,  * Medicare Australia Online  * The ACIR Secure Site at: <a href="http://www.medicare.gov.au/provider/patients/acir/index.jsp">www.medicare.gov.au/provider/patients/acir/index.jsp</a>
<b>Conscientious Objection</b>	This can only be submitted manually on the Conscientious Objection Form: <a href="http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/pubs/forms/files/ma-conscientious-objection-form.pdf">www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/pubs/forms/files/ma-conscientious-objection-form.pdf</a>
<b>Medical Contraindication</b>	This can only be submitted manually on the Medical Contraindication Form: <a href="http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/pubs/forms/files/ma-medical-contraindication-form.pdf">www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/pubs/forms/files/ma-medical-contraindication-form.pdf</a>
<b>Natural Immunity</b>	This can only be submitted in writing on practice letterhead and must include the signature and provider number of the medical practitioner
<b>Deceased Child</b>	This can be reported by submitting child's details in writing on practice letterhead or by calling 1800 653 809 (free call). Details should include child's name, address and date of birth, Medicare number and date of death.

To request any of the above stationery forms, telephone 1800 067 307 for an order form or print off a copy from the internet at <http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/pubs/forms/acir.jsp>

## MONTHLY & QUARTERLY TASKS



### Monthly Tasks

Every month, each immuniser provider in your clinic will receive a statement in the post called the **Immunisation Payment Statement** (See Sample 3, page 14-17).

The second page of this statement summarises ALL encounters that the ACIR has received by a provider since the last month's **Immunisation Payment Statement**. The summary includes the child's name, the vaccines they received and the ACIR information payment that was earned. If the encounter has not attracted payment, there will be a code explaining why it has been rejected. Some encounters may 'require further clarification'. Errors can be rectified by writing the correct information on the actual **Immunisation Payment Statement** and posting/faxing it back to the ACIR at the contact details listed on page 24.

- Check that every immunisation you reported in the last month is accounted for on the **Immunisation Payment Statement**. This task is made simpler if you have been keeping all encounter vouchers or software summary statements for the month stacked together by provider. Tick them off against the statement.
- If you find that an encounter is not on the most recent statement, it may be on the next month's statement.
- Re-report any encounters that are not accounted for. This can be done by either posting or faxing a copy of your encounter forms or reporting the vaccination electronically on the ACIR website.
- The vouchers can be disposed of once they are accounted for on the Statement.

## Immunisation Payment Statement



**Australian Government**

**Medicare Australia**

24 February 2008

Phone: **1800 653 809**

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TUGGERANONG ACT 2900

Provider #: 0000001K

### Immunisation Payment Statement

For: February 2009 Quarter

This statement contains information about your monthly Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) information payments calculated using information recorded on the ACIR.

#### Processing details

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Total encounters included in this statement	6
Number of encounters	2

#### Payment details

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3 Information payments	\$18:00
Total Payment	\$18:00

Name of bank:	Commonwealth Bank
Account number:	123 456 789
Branch number (BSB):	001-001
Payment date:	24 February 2009
Medicare Australia ABN:	5174030967

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#### More information

If you have any questions about this statement, please contact us on 1800 653 809.

# Immunisation Payment Statement



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Provider #: 0000001K

## Claims Processed

Below are the details of claims processed since your last statement.

Child Name	Date of Birth	Medicare Number	Date of Service	Vaccine	Dose	ACIR Payment	Explanation code
Claim ID: X999828 Grey, Fred M	19 Jul 08	11111111	22 Nov 08	Comvax Infanrix –IPV Prevenar	2 2 2	6.00	
Claim ID: T0000001	10 Mar 07	11111221	01 Apr 08	Priorix Comvax	2 1	6.00	
Claim ID: A08990000 Smith, Jackson R	21 Jun 07	12222223	02 Aug 08	Comvax Priorix NeisVac-C	3 1 1	6.00	
Willow, Jen	15 Feb 08	13333334	10 Aug 08	Prevenar	2		850

Details of encounters that have been reported.

If an immunisation is rejected, a code will be displayed, see last page for a code explanation.

**Immunisation Payment Statement****Australian Government**  
**Medicare Australia**Phone: **1800 653 809**(Call charges apply from  
mobile or pay phones only)

Provider #: 0000001K

**Please Return to Medicare Australia**

Please clarify the claims below so that payment can be made. You may correct the details on this page and return it to Medicare Australia by:

- Post – GPO Box M933 Perth WA 6843
- Or phone the corrections – **1800 653 809**

Child Name	Date of Birth	Medicare Number	Date of Service	Vaccine	Dose	Explanation code
Claim ID: J200000003 Paper, Polly	01 Mar 07	123457 1	01 Apr 08	MMR II	1	
				Infanrix Hexa	1	Paid
				Comvax	3	101
				Meningitec	1	
Fraser, Mal	30 Dec 08	123456 3	01 Feb 09	Prevenar	1	300

I certify that the changes indicated on this form are corrections to information previously supplied, and that the information which now appears on this form is true and correct.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Write:** GPO Box M933 Perth WA 6843 **Phone:** 1800 653 809 **Fax:** 08 9254 4810 **Web:** [www.medicareaustralia.gov.au](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au)

## Immunisation Payment Statement



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Provider #: 0000001K

### Explanation Code

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- |     |  |
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| 101 | The period between doses is less than the minimum reported       |
| 300 | Duplicate – this services has previous been reported to the ACIR |
| 850 | Vaccine not included in payment calculation                      |

## Quarterly Tasks

Every quarter, your practice should receive a **GPII020A Practice Report** (see Sample 4, page 20-22).

***This report is your key to improving your coverage rates.***

It lists all overdue children in your clinic - one child to a page. It summarises which vaccines the child has had and which vaccines they require to be assessed as 'fully immunised'.

If you are not receiving your GPII020A Practice Reports, ring the **GPII information line on 1800 246 101** to find out why.

If your clinic has never applied to receive this report, the following 2 forms must be lodged:

- GPII020A Practice Report Request Form
- Section 46E Agreement

Every GP in the clinic must sign the Section 46E Agreement. This must be kept up to date. If a new GP joins your practice (including locums) and they have not signed a Section 46E Agreement, the 20A Practice report will not be released. Medicare Australia will not notify practices of this.

If the principal of the practice changes, both forms must be resubmitted.

For further information, telephone the GPII Information Line on 1800 246 101.

Copies of these forms can be downloaded from [www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/pubs/forms/incentives.jsp](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/pubs/forms/incentives.jsp)

Once these forms have been lodged, your clinic will receive their GPII020A Practice Report automatically every quarter.

## HOW TO USE THE GPII20A REPORT

Upon receiving a new GPII20A Report, discard any previous reports, compare immunisation information between your practice's medical records and the 20A Report.

Go through each child on the GPII20A Practice Report. Look up their clinic record to ensure that the child is genuinely overdue – an immunisation may have been given but not reported to the ACIR.

If you find that this is the case, write the updated details on the child's 20A Report including the date of immunisation, the GPs provider number & the vaccine batch number. Fax or post a copy of it to the ACIR at:

**ACIR FAX :** (08) 9254 4810

**ACIR ADDRESS:** Australian Childhood Immunisation Register  
Medicare Australia  
GPO Box M933  
Perth WA 6843

If you find that the child does appear to be genuinely overdue, then make contact with the child's parents via a reminder letter or a telephone call. See a sample reminder letter to parents, (see Sample 5 on page 23).

If you post a letter, ensure that the child's full name and date of birth is included in the letter. If a letter comes back to you as 'Return to Sender', indicating that the child no longer resides at that address, then forward it unopened to the ACIR at the above address.

You may prefer to contact parents via a telephone call. Encourage them to make an appointment to immunise their child. They may have forgotten and just need a reminder. They may also have other reasons for not immunising their child which need to be addressed.

If they are 'conscientious objectors' then encourage them to discuss this with their GP on their next visit. Once a 'conscientious objection' form is lodged, the child will not appear on your GPII20A Practice Report again. They will, however, still be included in your coverage rates as 'not fully immunised'.

## GPII020A Practice Report



Australian Government

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7 March 2008

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Phone: **1800 246 101**

(Call charges apply from  
mobile or pay phones only)

Practice: 000001  
Reference Period: 01/10/2006 to 30/09/2007  
Quarter: February 2008  
GPII assessment date: 20 February 2009  
Report current as at 7 March 2008

### General Practice Immunisation Incentives (GPII) Practice Report (GPII020A)

For: February 2008 Quarter

This report lists the children who have attended your practice for a non-referred Medicare service at least once during the 12 month reference period as stated on your quarterly GPII practice Preliminary (Calculation) Feedback Statement.

This report was requested for your practice by DR J CITIZEN, provider number 00000001B.

#### Immunisation Status

The immunisation status of children included in this report is consistent with the figures reported in your GPII Practice Preliminary (Calculation) Feedback Statement. The GPII immunisation status is current as at 20 February 2008 (the date of assessment), and the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (the ACIR) immunisation status is current as at 7 March 2008 (the report production date).

The assessment of a child's immunisation status for GPII purposes does not currently include meningococcal C, Pneumococcal, varicella and rotavirus vaccines.

#### What does this report include?

This report includes children who have turned 7 years of age since the end of the reference period. It does not include details of children who have:

- A conscientious objection recorded on the ACIR
- Opted out of the ACIR Immunisation history statement scheme
- Not consented to the release of their data from the ACIR, or
- Become end-dated on the ACIR (as the child has died, is living overseas or is inactive on a Medicare card)

#### Important notice – disclaimer

Medicare Australia endeavours to ensure that information contained on the ACIR is correct. However, for reasons beyond our control, Medicare Australia does not warrant the accuracy or completeness of any information contained in a record held on the ACIR. You should not rely upon nor base clinical decisions about immunisation solely upon the data contained on the ACIR.

#### Reminder – your obligations

Please remember your obligations relating to the safety and security of information provided to you and the purpose for which you may use the information. Penalties apply in the event of a breach of terms and conditions you agreed to under the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

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# GPII020A Practice Report

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### Changing or adding details

Please check the records in report to make sure our information is accurate. If you need to change or update a child's history details, please notify the ACIR of the correct details by completing:

- The record encounter page on the ACIR secure Internet site at **www.medicareaustralia.gov.au** (for approved providers)
- An encounter form (if a provider at your practice administered the vaccine)
- An immunisation history form (if the vaccine was administered by an immunizing provider outside your practice)

You can also write corrections directly on the applicable page of this report and post it to:

Medicare Australia  
GPO Box M933  
Perth WA 6843

Please remember that we can only make an information payment if the immunizing provider details are supplied.

### Codes used in this report

The following table lists the codes used in this report.

	Code	Explanation
Status (ST)	A	Accepted
Other	*	Child on multiple Medicare cards
	#1	Vaccine administered before assessment date but processed after assessment date
	#2	Vaccine administered and processed after assessment date
	+	Please refer to the National Childhood Pneumococcal Schedule to determine if additional doses are required depending on the child's specific circumstance
	=	This child may need another dose of Meningococcal C
	%	Antigen not included in assessment process

Providers registered at practice location/s

The following table lists the providers who were registered within your practice during the reference period. If you have any queries regarding the information displayed in this table, please contact the Practice Incentives Program (PIP) on **1800 222 032**.

Provider Number	Provider Name	End date
0000001F	SMITH,DRT,M	
0000001J	JONES, DRI,C	
0000001B	CLARK,DR,A	

### More information

If you have any queries about this report, please contact the ACIR enquiry line on **1800 653 809**. To find out more about the GPII Scheme, visit **www.medicareaustralia.gov.au** or call the GPII enquiry line on **1800 246 101**.

**GPII020A Practice Report**

**Child details**

Medicare number: 012345678 9 1  
 Surname: SMITH  
 Given Name: JANE  
 DOB: 09/06/2003  
 FEMALE  
 Current ACIR immunisation status: NOT FULLY IMMUNISED

Initial: J  
 Gender:

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**Child address details**

123 HOME PLACE  
 TUGGERONG 2900

**GPII assessment details**

Immunisation schedule: 2000 Single Visit: NO  
 GPI Immunisation status at time of assessment: NOT FULLY IMMUNISED

**Due and overdue details**

Disease	Dose	Date Due	Date Overdue
Diphtheria	2	20/10/2003	20/11/2003
HIB Schedule B	2	20/10/2003	20/11/2003
Hepatitis B	2	20/10/2003	20/11/2003
Pertussis	2	20/10/2003	20/11/2003
Poliomyelitis	2	20/10/2003	20/11/2003
Tetanus	2	20/10/2003	20/11/2003
Measles	1	09/06/2004	09/07/2004
Meningococcal C	1	09/06/2004	09/07/2004 (%)
Mumps	1	09/06/2004	09/07/2004
Rubella	1	09/06/2004	09/07/2004

← Immunisations for which the child is overdue.

**Vaccine Details**

Enc1	VacCde	Vaccine	Dose	Service Date	St	RSN	Immunising Provider Type
	IFXB	Infanrix-HepB	1	20/08/2003	A		MEDICARE GP
	OPV	Polio Sabin	1	20/08/2006	A		MEDICARE GP
	PRPOMP	PedavaxHIB	1	20/08/2003	A		MEDICARE GP

← Immunisations the child received.

**Natural Immunity**

No data currently held

**Medical contraindication**

No data currently held

Each page contains the details of one child. If a child is up to date they will not appear on this report. Write any corrections on this page and fax or post a copy to the ACIR. Details can also be updated on the ACIR website.

## Reminder Letter to Parents

Date

To the Parent/Guardian of:

Child's Name  
Address

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are updating immunisation records of children who have attended our clinic in the last 12 months. According to the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register, Child's Name (DOB) is not up-to-date with the recommended immunisations. He/She requires immunisation against:

- Eg. Meningococcal C
- Eg. Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis

Please check your child's Health Care Record book. If the above immunisations have been given, please bring in their Health Care Record book so that we can report it to the Immunisation Register. However, if your child is overdue, please telephone us on xxxx xxxx to make an appointment to update their immunisations.

Thank you.

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated. Any information that you provide will remain strictly confidential and will only be used to update the Immunisation Register. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Name  
Title  
Medical Clinic

## USEFUL CONTACTS

<b>Telephone</b>		
1800 246 101	GPII general enquiries	For queries from clinics about the GPII scheme, statements & payments.
1800 653 809	ACIR general enquiries	For queries from parents and immunisation providers regarding the immunisation history of a particular child.
1300 650 039	ACIR internet helpdesk	For queries from immunisation providers regarding the ACIR Secure Site.
1800 067 307	ACIR Stationery Orders	To order stationery forms for reporting immunisation data to the ACIR.
1300 882 008	Department of Health	For clinical queries from immunisation providers regarding immunisation schedules, catch-up schedules & vaccines.
<b>Fax</b>		
08) 9254 4810	ACIR	For corrected Immunisation Payment Statements & GPII020A Practice Reports.
<b>Post</b>		
ACIR Medicare Australia GPO Box M933 Perth WA 6843	ACIR	For corrected Immunisation Payment Statements & GPII020A Practice Reports.

## USEFUL WEBSITES

Websites
<p><b>GPII Scheme</b> <a href="http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/incentives/gpii/index.jsp">http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/incentives/gpii/index.jsp</a> This site explains the GPII scheme:</p>
<p><b>GPII Forms</b> <a href="http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/pubs/forms/incentives.jsp">http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/pubs/forms/incentives.jsp</a> This site has copies of the following forms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PIP/GPII Application Form</li><li>• GPII020A Practice Report Request Form</li><li>• Section 46E Agreement</li></ul>
<p><b>ACIR Information for parents</b> <a href="http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/public/services/acir/index.jsp">http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/public/services/acir/index.jsp</a> They are able to request a copy of their child's immunisation history.</p>
<p><b>ACIR Information for immunisation providers</b> <a href="http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/patients/acir/providers.jsp">http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/patients/acir/providers.jsp</a></p>
<p><b>ACIR Stationary Re-order Forms</b> <a href="http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/pubs/forms/acir.jsp">http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/pubs/forms/acir.jsp</a> This site has a copy of the Re-order Form required to order your stationery for reporting to the ACIR.</p>

## ACRONYMS

<b>ACIR</b>	Australian Childhood Immunisation Register
<b>GPII</b>	General Practice Immunisation Incentives
<b>NIP</b>	National Immunisation Program
<b>SIP</b>	Service Incentive Payment
<b>WPE</b>	Whole Patient Equivalent





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