

CHANGES TO NSW VACCINE CENTRE WEBPAGE

ALL IMMUNISATION PROVIDERS



Please distribute to all staff in your practice

- 1. All immunisation providers with an active vaccine account number (VAN) must record their Medicare provider number on the [NSW Vaccine Centre](#) webpage.**
- 2. Report all child, adolescent and adult vaccinations to the AIR to support vaccination program planning in NSW.**

What are the changes?

From Thursday 5 November 2020, all immunisation service providers will be required to record the Medicare provider number of each health professional administering vaccines at the practice on the [NSW Vaccine Centre](#) webpage. The information will be used to link vaccines distributed to practices with those reported to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR). It will not be used for Medicare billing purposes.

The Medicare provider number is a unique number issued to [health professionals](#) who participate in the Medicare Program and is assigned to the health professional at each location. It does not expire.

Why have the changes been made?

- These changes have been made to ensure NSW Health can track the journey of every vaccine dose distributed from the warehouse, administered to the patient and reported to the AIR.
- These changes will also support roll out of the COVID-19 vaccination program when a vaccine becomes available.

How do I record the Medicare provider details of health professionals at my practice?

There are two options for recording the Medicare provider details on the [NSW Vaccine Centre](#) webpage:

- By logging onto the online ordering page at any time and selecting 'amend Medicare provider details', OR
- When placing a vaccine order, you will be prompted to check and confirm that the list of Medicare provider numbers for the health professional in your practice administering vaccines is correct and up to date.

Refer to the user guides on the NSW Vaccine Centre webpage (<https://nsw.tollhealthcare.com>) for step by step instructions. Please contact the NSW Vaccine Centre on 1300 656 132 if you experience any difficulties recording the Medicare provider details.

Reporting to the AIR

- All child, adolescent and adult vaccinations should be reported to the AIR to minimise accidental repeat vaccination and to support immunisation program planning.
- Practice software should be up to date to ensure accurate and timely reporting to the AIR.

For further Information please contact your local public health unit on 1300 066 055 or visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.

For more information about Medicare providers numbers visit <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/organisations/health-professionals/services/medicare/medicare-benefits-health-professionals/apply-medicare-provider-number>

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