

# Changes to NIP funded pneumococcal vaccine for adults from 1 July 2026

## Advice for immunisation providers

### Introduction of Capvaxive<sup>®</sup> to replace Prevenar 13<sup>®</sup> and Pneumovax 23<sup>®</sup>

- From 1 July 2026, Capvaxive<sup>®</sup>, a 21-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (21vPCV), will be added to the National Immunisation Program (NIP). It will replace Prevenar 13<sup>®</sup> and Pneumovax 23<sup>®</sup> for adults.
- Capvaxive<sup>®</sup> is recommended for:
  - Adults aged 65 years and over
  - Aboriginal people aged 25 years and over
  - Adults aged 18 years and over with [specified medical conditions](#) that increase their risk of severe disease.
- The [NSW Immunisation Schedule](#) will be updated to include Capvaxive<sup>®</sup> for eligible cohorts.
- Adults aged 65 years and over, Aboriginal people aged 25 years and over and people with specified medical conditions who have previously received a dose of any other pneumococcal vaccine are recommended to receive a dose of Capvaxive<sup>®</sup> at least 12 months after their last dose.

### Capvaxive<sup>®</sup> supply and ordering

- Capvaxive<sup>®</sup> will be available through general practice, community pharmacies, Aboriginal Medical Services, community health services, residential aged care homes and from NSW Health facilities.
- **From 16 June 2026**, immunisation providers can order Capvaxive<sup>®</sup> through the [NSW Vaccine Centre online ordering system](#).
- Capvaxive<sup>®</sup> must only be administered to eligible people from 1 July 2026.
- For providers that don't have a vaccine account, please complete the [online vaccine ordering account registration form](#).

### Clinical advice

- Refer to the Australian Government website for detailed information on the schedule change: [Australian Government pneumococcal schedule for adults – advice for health professionals](#)
- Refer to [the Australian Immunisation Handbook: pneumococcal chapter](#) (will be updated before 1 July 2026)

### More information

- [NCIRS – Pneumococcal vaccines – Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Australian Department of Health, Disability and Ageing – pneumococcal vaccine](#)
- [NSW Health pneumococcal disease fact sheet](#)
- [NSW Health Adult Vaccination website](#)