

Executive Officer Notice: Updates to Pharmacists Administering Flu Vaccine to patients without a Health card number

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As a follow-up to the [Notice from the Executive Officer: Pharmacist administration of publicly funded influenza vaccines and claims submission using the Health Network System](#) that was published on the ministry website on October 2, 2020, the ministry is providing pharmacies an update regarding the administration of the publicly funded flu vaccine to those who do **not** have a valid Ontario health number.

- If a patient does **not** have a valid Ontario health number, a pharmacist can still administer the publicly funded influenza vaccine provided the patient is at least 5 years old and possesses valid documentation that they live, work or study in Ontario.
- If the pharmacist does administer publicly funded influenza vaccine to a patient without an Ontario health number, the pharmacist must complete and submit the [Universal Influenza Immunization Program Pharmacy Form](#) in order to be paid \$7.50 per dose that was administered to such a patient. Claims for administering the publicly funded influenza vaccine to patients without an Ontario health number are **not** eligible for reimbursement through the Health Network System (HNS).
- Please note that the updated UIIP Pharmacy Form will be available in late October 2020. For more information, please contact UIIP.MOH@ontario.ca
- The [UIIP Pharmacy Form](#) is to be submitted monthly to the ministry.

Alternatively, pharmacists may refer patients to the local [Public Health Unit](#) for influenza immunization.

Note: The following is an **update to Question #10 in the Frequently Asked Questions** that accompanied the above-mentioned Notice from the Executive Officer published on October 2, 2020.

Can a person who does not have an Ontario health number still receive the publicly funded influenza vaccine at a pharmacy?

Yes. A pharmacist can administer the publicly funded influenza vaccine to someone without an Ontario health number provided they are at least 5 years old and have valid documentation that they live, work, or study in Ontario. If a pharmacist does administer publicly funded flu vaccine to a patient without an Ontario health number, the pharmacist

must complete and submit the [Universal Influenza Immunization Program Pharmacy Form](#) in order to be paid \$7.50 per flu vaccine dose that was administered.

For more information, please email UIIP.MOH@ontario.ca

Alternatively, pharmacists may direct patients without an Ontario health number to the local [public health unit](#) for the influenza vaccine.

Additional Information:

For pharmacies:

For billing inquiries, please call ODB Pharmacy Help Desk at: 1-800-668-6641

For all other Health Care Providers and the Public:

Please call ServiceOntario, Infoline at 1-866-532-3161 TTY 1-800-387-5559. In Toronto, TTY 416-327-4282