

APPENDIX B: ELIGIBLE CONDITIONS FOR FUNDED INFLUENZA VACCINATION

Funded influenza vaccine is available each year for people who meet the following criteria set by PHARMAC:^{*}

1. All people 65 years of age and over; or
2. Māori and Pacific peoples aged 55 to 64 years; or
3. People under 65 years of age who:
 - have any of the following cardiovascular diseases:
 - ischaemic heart disease, or
 - congestive heart failure, or
 - rheumatic heart disease, or
 - congenital heart disease, or
 - cerebrovascular disease; or
 - have either of the following chronic respiratory diseases:
 - asthma, if on a regular preventative therapy, or
 - other chronic respiratory disease with impaired lung function;^a or
 - have diabetes; or
 - have chronic renal disease; or
 - have any cancer, excluding basal and squamous skin cancers if not invasive; or
 - have any of the following other conditions:
 - autoimmune disease,^b or
 - immune suppression or immune deficiency, or
 - HIV, or
 - transplant recipient, or
 - neuromuscular or CNS disease/disorder,^c or
 - haemoglobinopathy,^d or
 - children on long-term aspirin, or
 - a cochlear implant, or
 - error of metabolism at risk of major metabolic decompensation, or
 - pre- or post-splenectomy, or
 - Down syndrome, or
 - are pregnant (any trimester); or
4. Children aged 4 years or under who have been hospitalised for respiratory illness or have a history of significant respiratory illness.

Unless also meeting the previous criteria, the following conditions are excluded from funding:

- asthma not requiring regular preventative therapy
 - hypertension and/or dyslipidaemia without evidence of end-organ disease
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^{*}New Zealand Pharmaceutical Schedule at schedule.pharmac.govt.nz/ScheduleOnline.php

^a Chronic respiratory diseases include chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cystic fibrosis, emphysema.

^b Autoimmune diseases may include coeliac disease, Crohn's disease, Grave's disease, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis. Immune suppression or immune deficiency includes disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs) or targeted biologic therapies.

^c Neuromuscular and CNS diseases/disorders include cerebral palsy, congenital myopathy, epilepsy, hydrocephaly, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, myasthenia gravis, Parkinson's disease, spinal cord injury.

^d Haemoglobinopathies include sickle cell anaemia, thalassemia.