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## 2018-19 Seasonal Influenza Programme

### Denominator Submissions – extended cut-off date: 30 April 2019

GP Practices are requested to send to us a single figure for the total number of patients (i.e. a denominator figure) who are in eligible groups within their practice area as part of their immunisation claim.

This information should have been submitted by 31st March 2019 through our on-line survey tool:

<https://www.nssssurvey2.scot.nhs.uk/index.php?r=survey/index/sid/293919/lang/en>

The groups to include are as listed in NHS Circular: PCA(M)(2018)06, ie:

- (a) 2 to 5 year old children (inclusive) not in any “at-risk” group,
- (b) 2 to 5 year old children (inclusive) in “at-risk” groups,
- (c) 6 months to 2 years (exclusive) in “at-risk” group,
- (d) 12 years to 18 years (exclusive) in “at-risk” group, and
- (e) 18 years to 65 years (exclusive) in “at-risk” group

This information is very important to Health Protection Scotland (HPS) in validating their in-season vaccine uptake estimates which are reported in their weekly report:

<https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/resp/index.aspx>

### Year-end & Final Claims

Please note that the cut-off date for Year End Seasonal Influenza claims was Friday 8th March. Final claims should be submitted by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. As stated in an earlier Good Practice Newsletter there is no need to submit a CHI lists with the claim forms.

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## SPPA – Employer Contribution Rate Change

With reference to the SPPA Circular: NHS PENSION SCHEMES 2019/02, Practices will be aware that the Employers Superannuation rate is to increase on the 1st April 2019 from the current rate of 14.9% to 20.9%, and that this will impact on the employer contributions paid in respect of both GP Principal and Practice Staff, NHS Pension Scheme members.

Practitioner Services is currently working with our colleagues at the Scottish Government, with the backing and support of both the SGPC and BMA, to establish a mechanism which will enable us to refund Practices for this.

We are hoping ultimately, that this mechanism will enable us to effect a monthly refund to Practices without having any additional call on yourselves for information, and once we have finalised the process will communicate further on how this will work in practice.

At this early stage, whilst we continue to refine the process, we do need Practices to play their part and would kindly ask that ALL Practices ensure the following:

- 1) that the 20.9% Employers Superannuation rate is applied to their payroll systems in readiness for the 1st of April 2019; and
- 2) please continue to remit the monthly superannuation contributions to the Scottish Public Pensions Agency (SPPA) by the due date of the 19th of the month following.

We will communicate further once we have more to advise on.

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## GP Annual Certificate (GAC) Submission deadlines

As advised in previous editions of the newsletter, your 2017-18 GAC needed to be with us by Thursday 28th February 2019 to ensure guaranteed processing in March 2019 and therefore inclusion in the 2018-19 financial year. Your GAC can still be submitted beyond this date but won't be processed until April 2019 processing at the earliest and will miss inclusion in the 2018-19 financial year for accounting purposes.

There was an error in previous correspondence which suggested that scanned GACs were acceptable. This is not the case, and all GACs must be sent via the Postal or Courier Services. For auditing purposes it is imperative that all certificates submitted to us have the original inked signature on page 5. If this is not the case you will be returned the form and experience further delay.

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## Golden Hello Deprivation Payment List 2019-20

The Scottish Government has confirmed that it will be publishing an updated list of practices eligible for a Golden Hello Deprivation payment week commencing 25/03/2019.

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## 2019 NHS Circulars, Guidance & Information

- 2019-01-14** Seasonal influenza: use of antivirals 2018-19  
[https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/cmo/CMO\(2019\)01.pdf](https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/cmo/CMO(2019)01.pdf)
- 2019-02-04** PCA(M)(2019)01- Primary Medical Services: funding for dispensing general practices.  
<https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/index.asp?name=&org=&keyword=%28M%29&category=7&number=10&sort=tDate&order=DESC&Submit=Go>
- 2019-02-22** PCA(M)(2019)02 - The Primary Medical Services (GP Out of Hours Services) (Scotland) Directions 2019; Health Board Direct Provision of Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Directions 2019; Health Board Primary Medical Services Contracts (Scotland) Directions 2019  
[http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2019\(M\)02.pdf](http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2019(M)02.pdf)
- 2019-03-18** PCA(M)(2019)03 - Transferred Services Residuals  
[http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2019\(M\)03.pdf](http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2019(M)03.pdf)
- Historic circulars can be searched on:  
<http://www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/>
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## External Events & Publications

SPPA will be in attendance at the NHS Scotland Event 2019 which is to be held at the SECC in Glasgow on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st May.

There will be a colleague from the NHS Practitioner Team at this event to assist with any enquiries from General Medical Practitioners.

April 2019	RCPSCG   <a href="#">Thinking 3D: On the Fabric of the Human Body</a>
April 2019	RCPSCG   <a href="#">Travel Medicine Roadshow: Glasgow</a>
April 2019	RCPSCG   <a href="#">Critical Care Update – Sepsis and Infection 2</a>
May 2019	SPPA   <a href="#">SPPA in Attendance at the NHS Scotland Event 2019</a>
May 2019	RCPSCG   <a href="#">Travel Medicine Roadshow: Manchester</a>
May 2019	RCPSCG   <a href="#">Travel Medicine Roadshow: Newcastle</a>
May 2019	RCPSCG   <a href="#">Medicine for all: Endocrinology</a>
May 2019	RCPSCG   <a href="#">Medicine for all: Neurology</a>
May 2019	RCPSCG   <a href="#">Critical Care Update – Cardiac 3: Adult Congenital Disease and Cardiac Arrest</a>
May 2019	RCPSCG   <a href="#">Visualising Medical Heritage and Virtual Reality</a>
June 2019	RCPSCG   <a href="#">President’s Leadership Lecture with Dame Parveen Kumar</a>
June 2019	RCPSCG   <a href="#">Travel Medicine Roadshow – Birmingham</a>
June 2019	RCPSCG   <a href="#">Critical Care Update – Burns, Skin and Ethical Dilemmas</a>
June 2019	RCPSCG   <a href="#">The Goodall Symposium: Great Minds – innovations in brain surgery</a>
June 2019	RCPSCG   <a href="#">Medicine for all: Cardiology</a>
June 2019	RCPSCG   <a href="#">Medicine for all: Palliative Care</a>
June 2019	RCPSCG   <a href="#">Travel Medicine Roadshow – Southampton</a>

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## Important Dates

### March 2019 Payment

Medical Payment date for March: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Earliest date from when e-Statements may be available: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### April 2019 Payment

Medical Payment date for April: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Earliest date from when e-Statements may be available: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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## Regional Office Contact details

All Regional office contact details are available on the Practitioner Services website.

If you cannot find a member of staff or their contact details are missing, please let us know and we will update the lists accordingly.

<https://nhsnss.org/services/practitioner/medical/contact-us/>