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:


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 5th April. As stated in an earlier Good Practice Newsletter there is no need to submit a CHI lists with the claim forms.
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.

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.

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.
2019 NHS Circulars, Guidance & Information


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&num
er=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

2019-03-18  PCA(M)(2019)03 - Transferred Services Residuals
            http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2019(M)03.pdf
            Historic circulars can be searched on:
            http://www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/

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

March 2019 Payment
Medical Payment date for March: Friday 29th March 2019
Earliest date from when e-Statements may be available: Tuesday 26th March 2019

April 2019 Payment
Medical Payment date for April: Tuesday 30th April 2019
Earliest date from when e-Statements may be available: Thursday 25th April 2019

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/