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Tēnā koe

Request for Funding Support for Mpox (Jynneos) Vaccine Delivery in General Practice

The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners (RNZCGP) is writing to formally request that the Ministry of Health reconsider its current position on funding for the administration of the Mpox (Jynneos) vaccine in primary care settings.

We acknowledge the Ministry's current approach, which allows general practices to opt in to provide the vaccine and charge patients if they choose. However, we are concerned that this model creates inequities in access and places undue financial burden on practices that are already stretched.

General practices are the cornerstone of New Zealand's immunisation programme, delivering the vast majority of vaccines across all age groups. Many practices are well-equipped and experienced in delivering complex vaccines, including those for travel and sexual health. They also already serve communities at higher risk of Mpox, including MSM populations, and are committed to equitable patient care.

However, the costs associated with vaccine administration are substantial and include:

- Staff training
- Cold chain compliance and fridge maintenance
- Consumables and clinical supplies
- Administrative overheads and facility costs.

Unlike other funded vaccines, there is currently no reimbursement for the administration of Jynneos. This is inconsistent with the standard funding model, where practices receive \$52.90 per funded vaccine administered to eligible patients. We respectfully request an explanation for this discrepancy and advocate for alignment with existing vaccine funding mechanisms.

We also urge the Ministry to reconsider the requirement for AIR-only recording of Mpox vaccinations. Integration with PMS systems ensures continuity of care, accurate immunisation records, and enables practices to identify and recall eligible patients. It also provides the infrastructure for claiming vaccine administration fees, should funding be approved.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and work with the Ministry to find a solution that supports both public health goals and the sustainability of the General Practice.

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Nāku noa, nā

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