



### 1.2 What service providers can participate in CIVSS?

A doctor can join CIVSS if he/she:-

- a) is a registered medical practitioner within the meaning of the Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap 161);
- b) holds a valid annual practising certificate; and
- c) works in the private medical sector (including university and non-government organisations).

To join CIVSS, a doctor is required to enrol in advance (see Section 2).

## 1.3 Who are eligible for subsidy under CIVSS?

A child is eligible for subsidy by CIVSS if he/she fulfils criteria **(a) AND (b)** listed as follows:-

- a) possesses Hong Kong Identity Card (HKID) or Hong Kong Birth Certificate or other travel documents proving Hong Kong resident status (please refer to Appendix A for assessment of Hong Kong resident status);
- AND**
- b) meets either of the following conditions:-
  - (i) between the age of 6 months and less than 6 years on the day receiving the first dose of seasonal influenza vaccine; **OR**
  - (ii) 6 years old or above attending a pre-primary institution e.g. kindergarten, child care centre, kindergarten cum child care centre (documentation by student handbook/student card/pick up card (接送卡)/stamped *Pre-primary Institution Certification Form* (學前教育證明)).



Influenza Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (CIVSS)		Official Use Only
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Pre-primary Institution Certification Form		
This form is to be completed by the child's pre-primary institution (e.g. kindergarten or child care centre) to verify the child's pre-primary status.		
Name (Printed Name) (English)	Name (Chinese)	
Birth Certificate Number		Birth Certificate Date of Birth
This is to confirm that the child named above is enrolled in:		
Name of pre-primary institution	Address of pre-primary institution	
Certifier's Signature		
Name	Post	
Official stamp of the institution		
Date		

Children between the age of 6 months and less than 6 years coming from families receiving assistance under Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) or holders of valid Certificate of Waiver of Medical Charges can choose either to receive free seasonal influenza vaccination at DHØ Maternal and Child Health Centres or to get vaccination service by private doctors with \$160 fee subsidy under CIVSS.

### 1.4 How to give seasonal influenza vaccination to young children under CIVSS?

Under CIVSS, children aged between 6 months and less than 6 years, who have received one or more doses of seasonal influenza vaccine in the past seasons, are recommended to receive one dose of influenza vaccine in 2014/15. For vaccine-naïve children aged below 6 years under CIVSS, two doses with an interval of 4 weeks are required and will be subsidised by the Government. Half the adult dose is recommended for children below 3 years.

Influenza occurs in Hong Kong throughout the year, but is more common in periods from January to March and from July to August. As the influenza vaccine composition is updated every year and the immunity built up in a vaccinated person in the prior season may become too low to provide protection in the next season, unless with known contraindication, all persons, including children are recommended to receive seasonal influenza vaccination every year. All doctors are advised to read carefully the product information of the vaccine they have procured, noting especially the route of administration, dosage for children and expiry date.

#### Vaccine Composition

The vaccine recommended by the SCVPD in 2014/15 contains the following:

- an A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)pdm09 -like virus
- an A/Texas/50/2012 (H3N2)-like virus
- B/Massachusetts/2/2012-like virus

If quadrivalent influenza vaccines is being used, it shall contain the above three viruses and a B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus.



### Vaccine Type

Both trivalent and quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccines are registered for use in Hong Kong. Trivalent influenza vaccine may potentially prevent majority of influenza burden in Hong Kong, however, quadrivalent influenza vaccine may potentially offer additional protection against influenza B.



**Please note that the key steps including online enrolment, enrolment confirmation, login process, voucher/subsidy claims, together with reimbursement with respect to the screens shown on eHealth System (eHS) are ESSENTIALLY the same for**

- a) Childhood Influenza Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (CIVSS);**
- b) Elderly Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (EVSS); and**
- c) Health Care Voucher Scheme (HCVS).**

**You may skip the relevant parts in the Doctors' Guide for CIVSS if you have already read through them in Doctors' Guide for EVSS or vice versa.**



### I. For New Enrollees

## 2. Participating in CIVSS

This section leads doctors through the five main steps for participating in CIVSS, namely pre-enrolment, enrolment application, enrolment confirmation, vaccination and reimbursement.

### 2.1 Pre-enrolment

Doctors who are interested in joining CIVSS are encouraged to:-

- a) place purchase orders early to secure supplies of seasonal influenza vaccines with pharmaceutical manufacturers/suppliers. **Vaccine supplies are less reliable with late orders.**
- b) allocate sufficient storage space to maintain cold chain of seasonal influenza vaccine.

Update knowledge about seasonal influenza vaccine, including its benefits and possible side-effects. Visit this link for details:

[http://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/recommendations\\_on\\_seasonal\\_influenza\\_vaccination\\_for\\_the\\_201415\\_season\\_july\\_2014.pdf](http://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/recommendations_on_seasonal_influenza_vaccination_for_the_201415_season_july_2014.pdf)

- c) read 'Enrolment Information' at CHP website carefully.