Catch-up: Incentives for vaccination providers and general practitioners

From 1 January 2016, an additional $6 incentive payment will be made to vaccination providers and GPs who follow up and vaccinate children who are more than two months overdue for their childhood vaccinations. This payment recognises the time spent by providers identifying children in their practice who are overdue for vaccinations and calling the child in to receive the catch up vaccines.

This is on top of the existing $6 payment providers receive for notifying information to the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR).

The catch up payment will commence for vaccinations administered from 1 January 2016, with the first payments made to providers in March 2016. Vaccination providers will be eligible to receive a catch up payment if:

- they administer catch up vaccine(s) to a child under seven years old who is more than two months overdue for a National Immunisation Program scheduled vaccination; and
- the child has received all the relevant vaccines due at each age related schedule point; and
- they notify the information to the ACIR.

How can you identify overdue children?

The catch up incentive payment will be paid monthly at the same time as the standard ACIR notification payments and will be included on the monthly ACIR statement of payment.

A range of online ACIR due and overdue reports are available to assist providers with identifying children who are overdue for immunisation, including:

- ACIR010A – ACIR Due/Overdue Practice Report
- ACIR011A – Due/Overdue report by locality
- ACIR011B – Due/overdue report by vaccination provider

The reports can be accessed from the ACIR secure website available within Health Professional Online Services (HPOS) at http://www.humanservices.gov.au/health-professionals/services/hpos/

Once you are in the ACIR secure site Main Menu click on:

1. Reports Menu
2. Request a Report
3. Select the report (ie ACIR011A)
4. Click the ‘Request Report’ button
5. Key in the required report parameters
6. Click on Send Report Request.

The report will be produced overnight and can be accessed by clicking on ‘View Reports’ from the Reports Menu on the ACIR secure internet site.

For assistance generating reports, call the ACIR Internet Helpdesk on 1300 650 039.