
Authorised Registered Nurse/Midwife Vaccination Standards

Dear Authorised nurse/midwife immuniser

NSW Health would like to advise that the Authority for registered nurse/midwife immunisers (the Authority) has undergone a significant review and has subsequently been re-issued with newly developed NSW Authorised Registered Nurse/Midwife Vaccination Standards (the Standards). Additionally, the Authority has been updated to include products that protect against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) including the addition of new RSV vaccines and RSV monoclonal antibodies (mAbs), Beyfortus™.

The mandatory conditions included in the Authority and Standards that authorised registered nurse/midwife immunisers must comply with to ensure effective and efficient immunisation service delivery are consistent with best practice recommendations outlined in the online edition of the *Australian Immunisation Handbook*, and the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI).

For authorised registered nurse/midwife immunisers working in NSW Health facilities, the new Standards replace PD2024_004 *Authorised Nurse Immuniser and Authorised Midwife Immunisers Policy Directive* which has been rescinded. The creation of the Standards will create consistent requirements for all authorised registered nurse/midwife immunisers in NSW who initiate and administer a vaccine and will require compliance with both the Authority and the Standards. This approach is also consistent with the authorisation of other professions such as pharmacist immunisers. The mandatory requirements in the Standards are unchanged from the rescinded PD2024_004. These are available on the NSW Health webpage:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Documents/authority-for-RNs-and-midwives.pdf>.

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has recently approved vaccines and a monoclonal antibody (which provides passive immunisation) to protect against RSV. The amended Authority now includes these immunisations to make these more readily accessible. At this time, they are not included on the National Immunisation Program (NIP).

Please share this advice with other authorised nurse/midwife immunisers and relevant personnel or stakeholders within your organisation.

Thank-you for your ongoing support of immunisation programs in NSW. Further information on the NSW immunisation program is available on the NSW Health webpage:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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