

CHAS: Vaccination Subsidy depends on these conditions

Adults aged 65 years and above

Those aged 65 years and above are recommended to get the influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations. This group is eligible for subsidies at CHAS GP clinics and polyclinics. Influenza vaccination is recommended annually or per season.

Adults aged 18 to 64 years

For those aged 18 to 64 years, persons who meet the conditions below are recommended to get the influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations and are eligible for subsidies. Individuals are advised to check with their healthcare providers accordingly.

1. *Influenza vaccination (18 to 64 years old)*

Recommended and eligible for subsidies if the individual has any of the following conditions or indications:

- Chronic disorders of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems, including asthma;
- Requires medical follow-up or hospitalisation due to chronic metabolic diseases (including diabetes mellitus), renal, neurologic, hepatic, or haematologic disorders;
- Immunosuppression (including immunosuppression caused by medications, HIV or other immunodeficiencies);
- Persons aged 18 years (as well as those below 18 years under the NCIS) who are receiving long term aspirin therapy and therefore might be at risk for developing Reye syndrome after influenza infection;
- Women at all stages of pregnancy; or
- Persons receiving Intermediate and Long Term Care (ILTC) services.

Influenza vaccination is recommended annually or per season.

2. *Pneumococcal vaccination (pneumococcal conjugate 13-valent, PCV13) (18 to 64 years old)*

Recommended and eligible for subsidies if the individual has any of the following conditions:

- Cochlear implant or cerebrospinal fluid leak;
- Anatomic or functional asplenia (including conditions such as homozygous sickle cell disease and coeliac syndrome that may lead to splenic dysfunction); or
- Immunosuppression (including immunosuppression caused by medications, HIV or other immunodeficiencies).

3. *Pneumococcal vaccination (pneumococcal polysaccharide 23-valent, PPSV23) (18 to 64 years old)*

Recommended and eligible for subsidies if the individual has any of the following conditions:

- Chronic pulmonary, cardiovascular, renal or liver disease, or diabetes mellitus;
- Cochlear implant or cerebrospinal fluid leak;
- Anatomic or functional asplenia (including conditions such as homozygous sickle cell disease and coeliac syndrome that may lead to splenic dysfunction); or
- Immunosuppression (including immunosuppression caused by medications, HIV or other immunodeficiencies).