

VETERANS' ACCESS TO INFLUENZA VACCINE

With effect from 1 March 2010, influenza vaccine is not covered by PBS/RPBS.

Veterans and War Widows who meet the criteria below are eligible for vaccination under the National Immunisation Program, for which there is no co-payment:

65 and over;

ATSI: 15 and over;

Pregnant women; and

6 months and older with an underlying health condition making them particularly vulnerable to the effects of influenza.

Veterans and War Widows who do not meet the above criteria, but believe they require vaccination should consult their doctor who, if appropriate, can contact the Veterans' Affairs Pharmaceutical Advisory Centre to request funding under the RPBS prior approval arrangements if the circumstances warrant it. In such cases, co-payment is required.