



## **National Childhood Pneumococcal Vaccination Program**

### **New catch-up payment**

A new immunisation payment will be made to immunisation providers who send details of catch-up pneumococcal vaccinations to the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR).

The new payment will be made where:

- the child is born between 1 January 2003 and 31 December 2004 (inclusive)
- the conjugate pneumococcal vaccine Prevenar has been administered between 1 January 2005 and 31 December 2005, and
- the vaccination details are received by the ACIR on or before 31 March 2006.

The payment will vary from \$3.00 to \$6.00 per notification, depending on the State/Territory where the vaccine is administered. Payment will be made monthly via EFT commencing from May 2005, and will include notifications received from 1 January 2005.

Immunisation providers who send data to the ACIR via their State/Territory health department should continue to do so.

### **Changes to your ACIR statement of payment**

To cater for this new payment, your monthly statement of payment will include a section on the summary page that displays the number of catch-up payments and the total dollar amount paid. If you receive a detailed statement, this payment will be itemised against each child for whom a Prevenar vaccination notification is received.

### **More information**

If you have any questions about the new catch-up payment or your monthly statement, please call the ACIR enquiry line on 1800 653 809.

For more information about the National Childhood Pneumococcal Vaccination Program, please consult your State/Territory health department, or visit the Department of Health and Ageing's immunisation website at:

<http://immunise.health.gov.au/pneumococcal/>

