

Eligible groups of Vaccination Subsidy Scheme

SUBSIDISED vaccination

Priority groups recommended by Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases	2015/16 (\$160/dose)	2016/17 (\$190/dose)	New beneficiaries in 2016/17
1. Pregnant women	Nil	All pregnant women	Expanded to cover all pregnant women
2. Children aged 6 months to under 12 years	All children aged 6 months to under 6 years	All children aged 6 months to under 12 years	Extended to cover children aged 6 to under 12 years
3. Persons with chronic medical problems#	Community-living persons with intellectual disabilities (PIDs)	Community-living PIDs and DA recipients	Expanded to cover community-living PIDs and DA recipients, regardless of disability, i.e. disabled physical, mental, intellectual or other conditions
4. Persons aged 50 or above	All elders aged 65 or above		

Persons with chronic medical problems mainly refer to: those with chronic cardiovascular (except hypertension without complication), lung, metabolic or kidney diseases; obesity (Body Mass Index 30 or above); the immunocompromised (i.e. weakened immune system due to diseases such as Human Immunodeficiency Virus infection or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, or treatment such as cancer treatment); children and adolescents (aged 6 months to 18 years) on long-term aspirin therapy; and those with chronic neurological conditions that can compromise respiratory functions or the handling of respiratory secretions or increase the risk for aspiration, or those who lack the ability to take care of themselves.