# HPV vaccination records are moving to the AIR

#### **Schools**

Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccinations can be recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR). This makes it easier for parents and healthcare providers to find information about a child's HPV vaccinations.

The AIR is a national register that records all vaccinations given to people of all ages in Australia, including through school vaccination programs.

The HPV vaccine is funded under Australia's National Immunisation Program and is usually given to school children aged 12 or 13. Previously, the National HPV Vaccination Program Register operated by the Victorian Cytology Service Foundation kept records of HPV vaccinations. These records have been transferred to the AIR.

## What the changes mean for parents and the school

The changes mean that all vaccination information will now be kept in one place. If their child is aged 13 years or under, parents can check their child's immunisation history statement on the AIR using:

- their Medicare online account through myGov, or
- the Express Plus Medicare mobile app.

If a child is 14 years of age or over, they must check their own immunisation history statement.

The changes to the vaccination records will not change when or how HPV vaccines are given, either through a school vaccination program or the doctor.

## What you need to do

HPV vaccination records will be recorded on the AIR by your vaccination provider.

Parents need to make sure the address details they have recorded with Medicare are up to date. The AIR uses the address and other details that they have with Medicare, and these might be different to the details they provided for the HPV Register.

Parents can also choose to record their Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status in their Medicare details.

Parents can update their Medicare details using:

- their Medicare online account through myGov, or
- the Express Plus Medicare mobile app.

### More information

Visit the <u>HPV immunisation service</u> page to find out more about HPV vaccination, or the <u>Check</u> immunisation history page to find out more about the AIR.

For questions about school-based vaccine programs, contact your state or territory health department.