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Dear Sir/Madam,

### **HPV Reclassification Application**

On behalf of the Pharmacists and Therapeutics Special Interest Group of the Paediatric Society of New Zealand, I would like to comment on the above submission.

We agree with the application to widen access to HPV vaccination to community pharmacists and pharmacy interns. We support option one allowing HPV to be classified as a 'Prescription Medicine, except when administered by a registered pharmacist or registered intern pharmacist who has successfully completed a vaccinator training course approved by the Ministry of Health and who is complying with the immunisation standards of the Ministry of Health'.

This application would widen access especially in communities where access to any and timely GP visits is limited. We acknowledge the data presented from other countries where pharmacists are able to administer HPV vaccines. We are supportive of measures to increase safe access to timely and opportunistic vaccinations.

Yours sincerely,

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