

# COVID-19 VACCINATION

## AN UPDATE FROM DOCTORS' CHOICE



With the start of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout in Australia, and in light of recent media attention regarding a medical practitioner, some GPs have questioned their medical indemnity cover for participation in the vaccination program.

Below is some general information for medical practitioners who are insured in a private practice GP risk category through one of the four Australian doctor owned medical defence organisations (Avant, MDA National, MIGA and MIPS\*):

### **Do I need to tell my insurer if I'm involved in the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine?**

No. As mentioned below, however, you do need to notify your insurer of any incident you believe may become a claim in the future.

### **Am I covered for administering the vaccine?**

Yes. As a current policyholder insured in a private practice GP risk category, you are covered in a similar way to other vaccination programs. Your cover is subject to the full terms, conditions and exclusions of your Policy. This includes the requirement you hold a current policy at the time a notification of an adverse event is made by you to your insurer. As always, should an incident happen which you believe may become a claim in the future, please contact your insurer as early as possible.

### **Is my practice entity covered if I administer the vaccine?**

Maybe not. Depending on your insurer and your circumstances, your practice entity may only be covered if it has its own practice indemnity insurance policy. As it is not uncommon for a claim to be made against a practice entity instead of, or as well as, an individual GP, please **get in touch with Doctors' Choice as soon as possible if you have a practice entity which does not have its own practice indemnity insurance policy**. Also, don't hesitate to email us ([service@drschoice.com.au](mailto:service@drschoice.com.au)) or call us (**1800 377 246**) if we can be of any other assistance.

\* Avant Mutual Group including Avant Insurance Limited (Avant), MDA National Group including MDA National Insurance Pty Ltd (MDA National), Medical Insurance Group Australia including Medical Insurance Australia Pty Ltd (MIGA), Medical Indemnity Protection Society including MIPS Insurance Pty Ltd (MIPS).

