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US health giant UnitedHealth has been provisionally cleared for a £1.2bn purchase of **GP IT** system supplier EMIS by the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA).

In accordance with the **COVID-19 and influenza vaccination** A/W 23/24 service specifications, General Practice and Pharmacy contractors must administer vaccinations to patients in the following priority order:

* From 1 September 2023 – Flu vaccinations for 2–3-year-olds, school-age children (reception to year 11) and children in clinical risk groups.
* From 2 October 2023 – Flu and COVID-19 vaccination of care home residents and care home staff.
* From 7 October 2023 – Flu and COVID-19 vaccination of all other eligible cohorts:

- Frontline health and social care workers.

- People aged 12 to 64 who are carers or household contacts of people with

 Immunosuppression.

- All adults aged 65 and over.