

PROVIDER BULLETIN

HEDIS News You Can Use Immunizations for Adolescents (IMA)



Importance of Adolescent Immunizations

NCQA recognizes vaccines are a safe and effective way to protect adolescents against potential deadly diseases. Receiving recommended vaccinations is the best defense against vaccine-preventable diseases, including, tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), meningococcal meningitis and human papillomavirus. Vaccines work with the body's natural defenses to develop its resistance to illnesses. They even help stop some types of cancer.

This bulletin offers tips and free resources links to help Aetna providers deliver high-quality, timely care for this important population and ensure the proper billing of these services.



Measure Requirements

HEDIS requires adolescents 13 years of age to have had the following:

- 1-Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) given between 11th and 13th birthdays
 - Meningococcal Serogroups A, C, W, Y
- 1-Tdap vaccine given between 10th and 13th birthdays
- HPV vaccine (2 or 3 dose) given on or between child's 9th and 13th birthdays
 - 2 dose must be given at least 146 days apart
 - 3 dose with different dates of service



Coding Information

To ensure the vaccines you provide are counted toward your HEDIS performance rate, use appropriate CPT codes with your claims for administrative compliance. Proper coding will decrease the need for medical record reviews and requests.

- MCV 90734
- Tdap 90715
- HPV 90651 (2 or 3 dose)



Gaps In Care

Common reasons why a patient may appear not to have had a vaccine, even though one was completed:

- Meningococcal Serogroup B given- **does not count**
- Final dose of HPV vaccine given **after** age 13
- MCV given **before** age 11 or **after** age 13

HPV Vaccine Importance

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the U.S. Analyses have determined that states with higher rates of cervical cancer incidence and mortality tend to have lower HPV vaccination rates. The vaccine is **most** effective if it is administered **before the onset of sexual activity.**





Remember to Use Florida SHOTS

****Please Note**** All healthcare providers are required to enroll in Florida SHOTS and report all vaccines for patients through 17 years of age.

All Aetna Better Health physicians that have vaccinations within their scope should provide all vaccines and participate in Florida SHOTS. Some key points:

- MMA member vaccines should be from the Vaccine for Children Program
- FHK member vaccines are private stock
- Borrowing from private stock is only allowable if logged and tracked and replaced timely

The Florida SHOTS registry offers a variety of benefits for parents, physicians, hospitals, schools and managed care organizations.

- Ensure contiguous member vaccine record
- Allow patients to retrieve DH-680 school vaccine record for home printing
- Included functions: track stock, comply with VFC provisions, log temps, track age/expiration, returns, and reorders from VFC.

For more information:

www.FLSHOTS.com

flshotsusers.com/training



Great Resources

Improve on HPV Vaccinations in your Practice:

<https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/downloads/Top10-improving-practice.pdf>

Tips & Timesavers for Talking with Parents about HPV:

<https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/hcp/for-hcp-tipsheet-hpv.html>

HPV Safety Factsheet:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/partners/downloads/teens/vaccine-safety.pdf>

Printable Vaccine Guide:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/growing/images/global/CDC-Growing-Up-with-Vaccines.pdf>



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BEST PRACTICES

Tips to improve compliance of Adolescent Immunizations

- In addition to Well Visits you can utilize Sick Visits to recommend and administer adolescent vaccines, when appropriate.
- Recommend the HPV vaccine the same way and on the same day that you recommend other adolescent vaccines.
- Because HPV is a relatively new vaccine, parents will have a variety of questions. Be ready with answers and CDC information. Talk to them about the HPV vaccination in terms of cancer prevention.
- Deputize staff to identify members who need immunizations and contact them to schedule an appointment prior to age 13. Gaps in Care reports are a useful tool to help identify these members.
- Start the HPV series early to ensure 2 doses of the vaccine are administered **before** age 13.
- Speak to parents about needing 3 doses of HPV if given after age 15

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