

PROVIDER BULLETIN

HEDIS News You Can Use Childhood Immunization Status (CIS)



Importance of Childhood Immunizations

The pandemic has created a tremendous challenge for everyone in healthcare. We know offices are doing their very best to provide a safe environment and encourage patients to come in for well-visits and immunizations. We have been calling our members to remind and encourage them as well!

This bulletin offers tips and free resources links to encourage vaccinations during the COVID_19 pandemic. Aetna wants to be a partner in helping providers deliver high-quality, timely care for this important population and ensure the proper billing of these services.



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.

To ensure proper payment, include the appropriate National Drug Code (NDC) number for each vaccine billed on the claim. For Florida Medicaid members 18 and under, providers must also bill the state supplied vaccines (VFC) with a modifier of "SL" and the applicable administrative service code.

- **DTaP:** 90698, 90700, 90721, 90723
- **PCV:** 90670, G0009
- **IPV:** 90698, 90713, 90723
- **HIB:** 90644-90648, 90698, 90721, 90748
- **Hep B:** 90723, 90740, 90744, 90747, 90748, G0010
- **MMR:** 90707, 90710
- **VZV:** 90710, 90716
- **Hep A:** 90633
- **Rotavirus:** 90681 (2 dose), 90680 (3 dose)
- **Flu:** 90655, 90660, 90672, 90661, 90662, 90673, 90685-90689, G0008



Measure Requirements

HEDIS requires children who turn 2 years of age in the measurement year to receive the following immunizations **by their 2nd birthday:**

- 4 DTaP, 4 PCV
- 3 IPV, 3 HIB, 3 Hep B
- 1 MMR, 1 VZV, 1 Hep A*
- 2 or 3 Rotavirus (Rotarix vs Rotateq)
- 2 Influenza



Gaps In Care

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

- * **MMR, VZV and Hep A must be given on or between the first & second birthday**
- Early Immunizations-
 - DTaP, IPV, HiB, PCV, Rotavirus, and VZV Should not be given before 42 days after birth
 - Flu shot should not be given before 6 months of age
- Late Immunizations – even one day after age 2 makes a member noncompliant
 - LAIV vaccine **ONLY** counts for HEDIS if given on the child's 2nd birthday
- Missing Birth Hep B documentation from hospital in medical record





Remember to Use Florida SHOTS

****Please Note** As of January 1, 2021**, healthcare providers are now 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

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 CDC Resources

Encouraging vaccines during the COVID-19 Pandemic

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/partners/childhood/stayingontrack.html>

Multimedia Products for Parents for you to share on your Social Media Sites and Website

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/partners/childhood/multimedia.html>

6 Reasons to follow the CDC's recommended Vaccine schedule

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/resources/ultimate-babyproofing-plan.html>

Printable Vaccine Guide:

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



Here For You

Thank you for the excellent care provided to our members!

For questions or for more information, send an email to:

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BEST PRACTICES

Tips to improve compliance of Childhood Immunizations

- HEDIS requires more than school – Rotavirus and Flu
- Proper coding ensures compliance and decreases chart review
- Differentiate between 2 or 3-dose Rotavirus (i.e. GlaxoSmithKline/ Merck, Rotarix/RotaTeq, Monovalent/Pentavalent)
- Document the date of the first Hep B given at the hospital
- Minimize missed opportunities— use each visit to review vaccines and catch-up missing vaccines
- Deputize staff to identify members who need immunizations and contact them to schedule an appointment prior to age 2. Gaps in Care reports are a useful tool to help identify these members.
- Obtain immunization records from other offices and Health Department

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