



One in a series of tip sheets that look at key Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set measures, commonly referred to as HEDIS® measures.

Immunizations for adolescents

This measure examines the percentage of adolescents who had the following by their 13th birthday:

- One dose of the meningococcal vaccine on or between their 11th and 13th birthdays **and**
- One tetanus, diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (commonly called Tdap) vaccine on or between their 10th and 13th birthdays **and**
- Completed series of human papillomavirus (commonly called HPV) vaccine (two-dose or three-dose series) on or between their 9th and 13th birthdays — at least 145 days between the first and second dose of HPV vaccine

Improving HEDIS scores

Follow these tips:

- **Code correctly.** Clear and correct procedure coding is essential, along with the submission of claims and encounter data in a timely fashion. See the table on the back of this flyer for details.
- **Educate adolescents and parents.** Be sure to let them know about the importance of immunizations.
- **Document all vaccines.** If patients received vaccines elsewhere, such as the health department, make sure you document that. Obtain a record of the vaccines, if possible.
- Use Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) for immunization tracking (MCIR.org**).
- **Train your staff.** Ask your staff to prepare charts in advanced of visits, making a note of any overdue or missing vaccinations. Put in place a reminder system, using mail, email or text messaging.
- **Review patient records.** Take advantage of all visits (such as those to obtain birth control medication or get a sports physical) to review the patient's immunization record and update vaccines, as necessary.

Did you know?

- Cervical cancer was once the leading cause of cancer death for women in the U.S. but is now considered the most preventable of all female cancers.
- The rate of whooping cough (pertussis) is on the rise for preteens and teens. A quarter of the reported cases in the U.S. were among persons ages 10 to 19.
- People between the ages of 16 and 23 have the highest rates of meningococcal disease in the U.S.

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Exclusions: Anaphylactic reaction to the vaccine or its components on or before the patient’s 13th birthday. Members in hospice are also excluded from this measure.

Codes to identify adolescent immunizations

Vaccine components	Immunization codes	ICD-10
Meningococcal vaccine	*90734	
Tdap	*90715	
HPV	*90649, *90650, *90651	
Exclusion – Anaphylactic reactions		T80.52XA, T80.52XD, T80.52XS

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