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Childhood Immunization Status

Childhood Immunization Status looks for your patients 2 years of age who had 4 DTaP; 3 IPV; 1 MMR; 2 HiB; 3 HepB; 1 VZV; 4 PCV; 2 HepA; 2 or 3 RV; and 2 flu vaccines by their second birthday.

WHAT YOUR PROVIDER OFFICE NEEDS TO KNOW

- *Your recommendation of immunizations* is a powerful motivator for patients to comply with vaccination recommendations. Parents are more likely to follow vaccine recommendation of the child's doctor when the health care provider's opinion of the vaccine is positive.
- Regardless of their child's true immunization status, *many parents believe the child is fully vaccinated*. Parents may not have been told or may not have understood that return visits are necessary. **It is useful for patients to have the next appointment date in hand at the time they leave the provider's office.**
- *Patient reminders and recall messages* have been found to be effective in increasing attendance at clinics and improving vaccination rates in various settings.

"HOW CAN I IMPROVE MY HEDIS® SCORES?"

Most HEDIS® measurements use claims information ("administrative data") for evaluating HEDIS® performance. Diagnoses and/or procedure codes are often used. *If a service is not billed or submitted correctly, the service may not be captured for HEDIS® nor reflected in performance scores.*

Review a child's immunization record at every visit and administer needed vaccines. HealthPlus recommends the use of the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) as a valuable tool to record and track a child's immunization history.

MCIR saves time, money, and eliminates missed vaccination opportunities. Features include:

- Secure access via the web at www.MCIR.org
- Immediate patient immunization history and what's due
- Future dose dates
- Reminder and recall notices for due or overdue immunizations
- Quick and easy-to-print official immunization records
- Batch reports

Busy practices have found that MCIR can:

- Simplify the immunization schedules involving different vaccine manufacturers and combination vaccines
- Help practices manage vaccine supply
- Accept electronic immunization information
- Resource – www.aimtoolkit.org

"WHY DOES A MEMBER KEEP SHOWING UP ON MY CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION REPORTS EVEN AFTER I HAVE GIVEN THE RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATIONS?"

In most cases, once a patient's MCIR record has been updated, HealthPlus of Michigan will receive the information. Sometimes, the patient information that HealthPlus has does not match the information in the patient's MCIR record. If you find that our records do not reflect the information you have, and your patient is up to date for immunizations, please contact Karen Zambiasi, RN, in Medical Services at (810) 733-8972.

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Billing and medical record documentation should always support the level of service provided at that visit.

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