

Helping you with HEDIS® ...



Immunizations for Adolescents

Immunizations for Adolescents looks for your patients 13 years of age who had one dose of meningococcal vaccine and one Tdap or Td by their 13th 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 adolescent's doctor when the health care provider's opinion of the vaccine is positive.*
- *Regardless of their adolescent's true immunization status, many parents believe the adolescent 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?”

HealthPlus is frequently asked this question. **Review an adolescent'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 an adolescent'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 ADOLESCENT 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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