

Provider Bulletin

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Immunizations for Adolescents (IMA)



Importance of the IMA measure

IMA tracks whether adolescents turning 13 receive 1 Meningococcal, 1 Tdap, and 2–3 HPV vaccines. These immunizations help prevent meningitis, pertussis, and HPV-related cancers. Early protection during adolescence sets the stage for a healthier future..

This bulletin offers information on any measure changes, best practice suggestions, links to codes and free resources.



Measure requirements

Adolescents who turn 13 during the measurement year must have:

- 1 dose Meningococcal vaccine
- 1 dose Tdap vaccine
- 2 or 3 doses of HPV vaccine (based on age at series start)

All doses must be administered before the 13th birthday.

For more detailed measure info, go to [MC Gap Closure Reference Guide](#)



Coding information

Use appropriate CPT codes:

- HPV: 90649, 90651
- Meningococcal: 90734
- Tdap: 90715

Ensure HPV series is fully documented. HPV requires 2 doses spaced 146 days apart before the 13th birthday (or 3 doses for late start). Accurate coding enables electronic gap closure.

For up-to-date, measure specific codes to use, go to [MC Gap Closure Reference Guide](#)



Common reasons for Gaps in Care

- Missed well-adolescent visits
- HPV vaccine hesitancy
- Lack of follow-up for second HPV dose
- Electronic medical record (EMR) missing complete documentation
- Vaccines not offered during eligible visits

For members assigned but choosing not to establish care, go to [MC PCP Change Request Form](#)



Member education

- Discuss vaccine safety and cancer prevention benefits of HPV during early adolescent visits.
- Normalize the conversation about HPV as part of routine health, not sexual activity.
- Encourage parents to protect their children early.



Great resources

American Academy of Pediatrics
Immunizations, Human Papillomavirus
[AAP.org | patient-care | immunizations |
human-papillomavirus-vaccines](https://www.aap.org/patient-care/immunizations/human-papillomavirus-vaccines)

HPV Vaccine Recommendations
[cdc.gov/vaccines/hpv/recommendations](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hpv/recommendations)

**Thank you for the care you provide
to our members**



Best Practices Tips to improve results

- Administer all eligible vaccines during one visit.
- Schedule 2nd HPV dose at time of 1st dose.
- Use text/portal/phone reminders for follow-up.
- Set standing orders for Tdap, HPV, MCV vaccines.
- Offer evening/weekend vaccine clinics.
- Train staff to address common parental concerns.