

# Memorandum

To: Gold Coast Health Plan Primary Care Providers

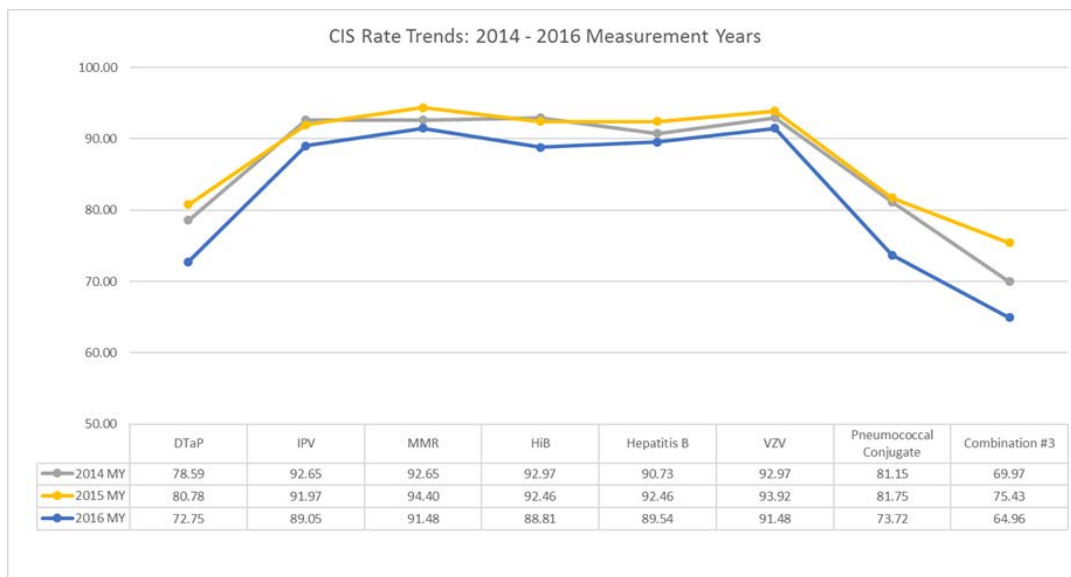
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Re: **Child Immunization Rate Trends**

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The use of vaccines has dramatically reduced the threat of many infectious diseases that were once widespread and fatal. Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP) encourages practitioners to reduce immunization gaps in children by scheduling these patients for their immunizations.

Despite the evident benefit of childhood vaccines, there is a significant decline in rates for the Healthcare Effectiveness Data Information Set (HEDIS<sup>®</sup>) Childhood Immunization Status (CIS) measure from 2014-2016.



Based on this analysis, it appears that the reduced CIS combination #3 rate is mostly attributed to child members of GCHP not receiving all of the recommended immunizations. The HEDIS<sup>®</sup> CIS measure evaluates the percentage of two-year-olds who were administered recommended vaccines **on or before their second birthday**. The decreased

2016 rate may be due to missed immunizations, immunizations administered after 2 years of age, or incomplete higher dose immunizations.

GCHP reports the administration of the following:

- DTaP (four vaccines)
- IPV (three vaccines)
- MMR (one vaccine)
- HiB (three vaccines)
- HepB (three vaccines)
- VZV (one vaccine)
- PCV (four vaccines)

**[Click here](#) to download the immunization schedules for children.**

**[Click here](#) for the GCHP provider tip sheet on the CIS HEDIS<sup>®</sup> measure.**

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