

# Memorandum

To: Gold Coast Health Plan Practitioners and Office Managers

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Director of Quality Improvement

Re: **World Immunization Week – “Close the Immunization Gap”**

Date: April 21, 2016

Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP) values the health of its members. During World Immunization Week – designated by the [World Health Organization](#) as April 24 to 30 – GCHP is encouraging its practitioners to reduce immunization gaps in Ventura County by scheduling their patients for their immunizations.

The use of vaccines has dramatically reduced the threat of many infectious diseases that were once widespread and fatal. Despite the clear-cut benefits of childhood vaccines, GCHP’s HEDIS® rates for the Childhood Immunization Status (CIS) measure have been decreasing. The current rate of 69.97 ranks at the 25<sup>th</sup> national percentile.

**Reporting Year (RY) Rates for the CIS Measure**

2013 RY	2014 RY	2015 RY
80.05	75.43	69.97

This low rate indicates that many of GCHP’s members who are children are not receiving all the recommended immunizations. The CIS measure evaluates the percentage of 2-year-olds who were administered the following vaccines on or before their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday:

- DTaP (4 vaccines)
- IPV (3 vaccines)
- MMR (1 vaccine)
- HiB (3 vaccines)
- Hep B (3 vaccines)
- VZV (1 vaccine)
- PCV (4 vaccines)

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

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