

Memorandum

To: Gold Coast Health Plan Primary Care Providers and Pediatricians

From: Kim Osajda, RN, MSN
Director of Quality Improvement

Re: **Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine and the
*Immunizations for Adolescents (IMA) HEDIS® Measure***

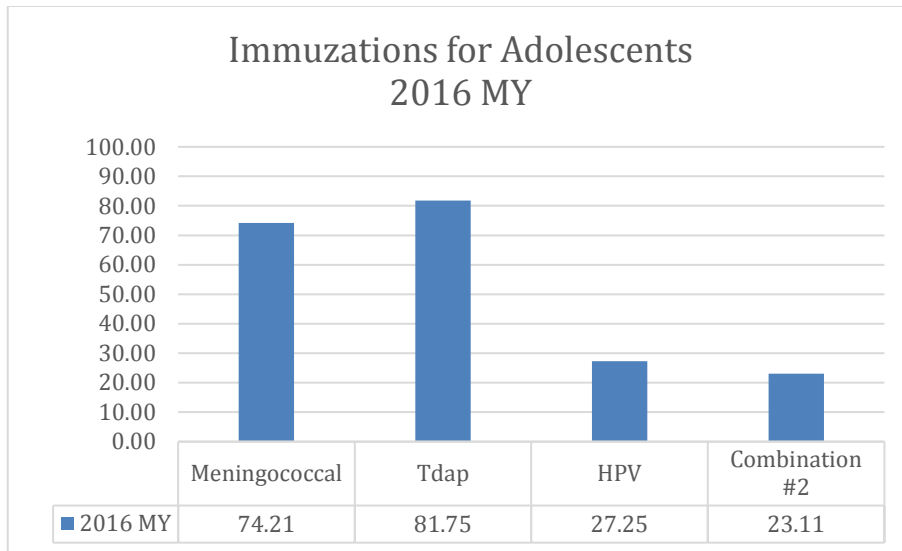
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The HPV vaccine, along with the Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines, are part of the combination 2 vaccines of the *Immunizations for Adolescents (IMA) Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®)* measure. Until 2015, the Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines made up combination 1.

To comply with the measure, in addition to the specified doses of Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines, at least two or three doses of the HPV vaccine with different dates of service must be administered on or between the member's ninth and 13th birthdays.

The table and graph below show the significant decrease in rates since the HPV vaccine became part of the required vaccinations.

Immunizations for Adolescents	2013 MY	2014 MY	2015 MY	2016 MY
<i>Meningococcal</i>	63.26	68.86	75.18	74.21
<i>Tdap</i>	78.35	80.00	82.00	81.75
<i>HPV</i>	NR	NR	NR	27.25
<i>Combination #1</i>	60.34	63.80	<u>67.88</u>	NR
<i>Combination #2</i>	NR	NR	NR	<u>23.11</u>



According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a trend has been identified from high rates of Tdap and meningitis vaccinations, which shows that adolescents are seeing providers and getting vaccinations but are not always receiving the HPV vaccine.

The CDC suggests recommending HPV vaccination by bundling it with other vaccinations for preteens, with the HPV vaccine administered in the middle. Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP) encourages providers to recommend HPV vaccination in the same way and on the same day as other routinely recommended vaccines.

To ensure that your 13-year-old patients have completed these essential vaccinations within the required time frames and that your clinic scores high on the IMA measure, please schedule appointments accordingly.

If you have any questions, please contact GCHP's Quality Improvement Department at 1-805-437-5740 or hedis@goldchp.org.