

# Memorandum

To: Gold Coast Health Plan Primary Care Providers and Pediatricians

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Re: **Changes to the *Immunization for Adolescents* HEDIS® Measure**

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## Changes to the *Immunizations in Adolescents* HEDIS® Measure

Effective for the 2016 measurement year, the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) has added the *Human Papillomavirus Vaccine for Female Adolescents (HPV)* to the *Immunizations for Adolescents (IMA)* measure. The purpose for this change is to measure the administration of five recommended vaccines for adolescent males and females in one measure.

Table 1: Changes to the IMA measure

Changes	Vaccine
Added Vaccine	Human papillomavirus
Removed Vaccines	Tetanus, diphtheria toxoids (Td) Meningococcal polysaccharide

## Vaccines Required for the *Immunizations in Adolescents* HEDIS® Measure

The IMA measure will now evaluate the percentage of 13-year-olds who had the following five vaccines by their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday:

Table 2: Requirements for the IMA Measure

Required Vaccines	Required Dose	Date Range Vaccines Must Be Administered
Meningococcal conjugate	1	Between the 11 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> birthday
Tetanus, diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (Tdap)	1	Between the 10 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> birthday
Human papillomavirus	3	Between the 9 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> birthday

To ensure your clinic scores high on the IMA measure, please ensure your 13-year-old patients have completed all five recommended vaccines within the required time frames listed in Table 2.

If you have any questions, please contact GCHP's Quality Improvement Department at 1-805-437-5592 or [hedis@goldchp.org](mailto:hedis@goldchp.org).

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