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Federal Employee Program

Promoting Children’s Health Through Childhood Immunization Status (CIS)

This year, members with children 2 years of age and younger, insured under the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Federal Employee Program® (FEP), will receive a letter about the importance of regular well-child visits and immunizations.

FEP is focused on ensuring members are on the right path to success when it comes to preventive care and wellness. Quarterly well-child visit reminders will be sent starting in the second quarter to help ensure children are getting their recommended immunizations on or before their second birthday.

Ways You Can Help Your Patients



- Discuss the importance of immunizations and address questions or concerns parents may have about the vaccines.
- Encourage parents to schedule their children for a well-child visit in advance.
- Review and document your patient’s history of illness with the date.
- Submit claims and encounter data in a timely manner.
- Review and document any medical or religious oppositions to explain the non-immunized child.
- Submit the patient’s vaccinations to Florida’s immunization registry, Florida SHOTS – the free, secure, statewide only immunization information system where providers can manage immunization records.

Including the date of the vaccine in your patient’s record is key. For HepB vaccines given at birth, be sure this is included in your patient’s Florida SHOT submission. A note in the records stating immunizations are current without the dates and specific vaccines is insufficient evidence of immunization for Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) reporting.

Recommended Vaccines and Dosage Before a Child Turns Age 2		
Type of Vaccine	Dosage	Recommended Age
Diphtheria, Tetanus and Acellular Pertussis (DTaP)	4 doses	Between 42 days after birth, and on or before second birthday
Polio (IPV)	3 doses	Between 42 days after birth, and on or before second birthday
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)	1 dose	Between first and second birthday (only combined antigen meets requirements)
Haemophilus Influenza type B (HiB)	3 doses	Between 42 days after birth, and on or before second birthday.
Hepatitis B (HepB)	3 doses	On or before second birthday
Varicella (chicken pox) (VZV)	1 dose	Between first and second birthday
Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV)	4 doses	Between 42 days after birth, and on or before second birthday
Hepatitis A (HepA)	1 dose	Between first and second birthday
Rotavirus (RV)	2 or 3 doses	Between 42 days after birth, and on or before second birthday
Influenza (flu) vaccines	2 doses	Between 180 days (six months) after birth, and on or before second birthday

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Thank you in advance for speaking with your patients about the importance of childhood immunization. If your patients have questions about benefits and claims, they may contact our customer service team for help at 1-800-333-2227 (TTY users, call 711). We are available Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. – noon, ET. Members may also visit [FEPBlue.org](https://www.fepblue.org) for more information.

To learn more about the Childhood Immunization Status HEDIS measure for FEP members, click [here](#) or visit [FloridaBlue.com](https://www.floridablue.com). Select Tools & Resources, Programs, Federal Employee Program, then FEP Quick Reference Guide.

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