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Federal Employee Program

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

Our Blue Cross and Blue Shield Federal Employee Program® (FEP) prioritizes preventive care and wellness for members. We encourage well-child visits to help children receive recommended immunizations by their second birthday, ensuring they are on the path to a healthy future.

We Are in This Together

As part of our ongoing efforts to promote preventive care and timely vaccinations, we will be implementing a targeted member outreach program through this year. This initiative features a series of emails, mailers, and letters, designed to remind, and encourage members to stay on track with their recommended vaccination schedules. These include:

- **New Parent Magnet Mailers:** Outlines vaccine information and important dates.
- **15-Month Milestone Letters:** Parents of children turning 15 months of age will receive reminders on upcoming vaccines, encouraging them to complete vaccines before their second birthday.
- **Flu Focus Email Campaign:** A series of reminders for parents highlighting the importance of the flu vaccine for children under two.

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 wellness checkups **prior** to their child's second birthday.
- Submit timely claims and encounter data. Including the date of the vaccine in the patient's record is critical.
- Submit the patient's vaccinations to Florida's immunization registry (Florida SHOTS).
- Ensure records of **HepB** vaccines given at birth are included in patients Florida SHOT submission.
- Review and document medical or religious contraindications to explain the non-immunized child.

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

A note in the records stating immunizations are current, without the specific vaccines and dates, is insufficient evidence of immunization for Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS^{®1}) reporting.

Thank you in advance for speaking with your patients about the importance of childhood immunization. If your patients have questions about their 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. to noon, ET. Members may also visit FEPblue.org for more information.

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

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