

## PROVIDER BULLETIN No. 10-24

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TO: Physicians and Mid-Level Practitioners participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program

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### RE: MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV) VACCINE UPDATE

**Please share this information with administrative, clinical and billing staff.**

Since March 1, 2007 Medicaid has covered the administration of the new Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, Gardasil®, as a practitioner service according to the following Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for Medicaid eligible clients. This vaccine is now available for boys and men 9-26 years of age.

#### ELIGIBLE GROUPS

Gardasil® had been previously approved for girls/women from the age of 9-26. This vaccine is recommended for 11-12 year-old girls with catch-up doses for those age 13 and over. Gardasil® is now approved for boys/men from age 9-26 to reduce the likelihood of acquiring genital warts.

- Age 9-18 years: Covered for routine immunization under HEALTH CHECK with Vaccine for Children (VFC) vaccine.
- Age 19-20: Covered for routine immunization under HEALTH CHECK.
- Age 21-26 Adult immunizations covered only for medical necessity.

Medical necessity for 21-26 year old women includes:

- Women with previous abnormal cervical cytology;
- Women with genital warts or other STDs; or
- Women with self reported high risk sexual behavior (V69.2).

Medical necessity for 21-26 year old men includes:

- Men with a history of genital warts
- Men with self reported high risk sexual behavior (V69.2).

## RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE FOR HPV VACCINE

The vaccine is given through a series of three injections over a six-month period. The second and third doses should be given two and six months (respectively) after the first dose.

### BILLING AND CODING INSTRUCTIONS:

#### 1. 9-18 YEAR OLDS: (USE VFC VACCINES)

If you are not currently a VFC provider, we encourage you to become a provider now. Medicaid is unable to reimburse for private stock vaccines when they are available through VFC. For questions about the VFC Program, please call 1-800-798-1696.

- Gardasil® is available for ordering through VFC. The American Medical Association has established a Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code of 90649 for the HPV vaccine. Do not bill Medicaid for VFC vaccine.
- The administration fee for VFC vaccine should be billed to Medicaid using the CPT code that identifies the vaccine+the SL modifier. An administration CPT code should not be used.

#### 2. 19 AND 20 YEAR OLDS:

- Use CPT code 90649 for private stock vaccine.
- Use CPT code 90471 for the administration of the vaccine.
- An appropriate level Evaluation and Management (E&M) code may also be billed.

#### 3. 21-26 YEAR OLDS:

- Use CPT code 90649 for private stock vaccine.
- Use CPT code 90471 for the administration of the vaccine.
- An appropriate level E&M or preventative visit may also be billed if provided.
- The diagnosis must indicate the medical necessity of the immunization. A generic “needs immunization” will not be sufficient to document medical necessity.
- Coverage for completion of the series will be available for the woman or man age 26 at the time of their first immunization but who is not able to complete the series until after his/her 27<sup>th</sup> birthday.

THE VACCINE IS A PREVENTIVE TOOL AND IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR CANCER SCREENING. THE NEED FOR CONTINUED ROUTINE CERVICAL SCREENING MUST BE EMPHASIZED.

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