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TO: Physicians and Mid-Level Practitioners Participating in the NE 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.

This Provider Bulletin replaces PB 10-24. The purpose of this Provider Bulletin is to clarify Nebraska Medicaid coverage of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, Gardasil® (2vHPV, 4vHPV) and Gardasil-9 (9vHPV). NE Medicaid covered the administration of HPV vaccine following Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for Medicaid eligible clients.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends routine HPV vaccination at age 11 or 12 years. The vaccination series can be started at age 9 years under the Health Check (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment or 'EPSDT'). The recommended administration is in a 3-dose schedule. If the vaccine schedule is interrupted, the vaccination series does not need to be restarted.

Nebraska Medicaid coverage of HPV vaccine is as follows:

Females:

- ◆ Ages 9 through 18 years under Health Check (EPSDT) Vaccine for Children (VFC) vaccine.
- ◆ Ages 19 to 20 years for routine immunization under Health Check (EPSDT).

Women ages 21 to 26 years immunization covered with medical necessity who were not vaccinated previously or have not completed the 3-dose series.

Males:

- ◆ Ages 9 through 18 years under Health Check (EPSDT) Vaccine for Children (VFC) vaccine.
- ◆ Ages 19 to 20 years for routine immunization under Health Check (EPSDT) who were not vaccinated previously or have not completed the 3-dose series.
- ◆ Ages 21 to 26 years with medical necessity for men who have sex with men and immunocompromised people who were not previously vaccinated previously.

Vaccine for Children (VFC) stock must be used for Medicaid enrolled children through age 18. Nebraska Medicaid pays only for the administration of vaccine available to providers through the VFC program. To bill for the administration of vaccine provided through the VFC program, use the correct CPT code for the vaccine with an SL modifier which indicates a state supplied vaccine. Reimbursement will reflect the administration of the vaccine only.

Nebraska Medicaid will not reimburse private stock vaccine when they are available through the VFC Program with the exception of vaccine administered to children enrolled in CHIP.

For reimbursement of vaccine not available through the VFC program, the administration fee and vaccine must be billed separately.

If you have questions about this information, please call Leah Spencer, Program Specialist, at 402-471-9368, or via email at DHHS.MLTCPhysicalHealth@nebraska.gov.