

<b>ISSUE DATE</b> April 1, 2014	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b> January 1, 2014	<b>NUMBER</b> 99-14-07
<b>SUBJECT</b>  2014 Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedules		<b>BY</b>   Vincent D. Gordon, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** On **October 1, 2014**, the ICD-9 code sets used to report medical diagnoses and inpatient procedures will be replaced by ICD-10 code sets. Additional information is available on the DPW website at:  
[http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/provider/icd10information/P\\_012571](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/provider/icd10information/P_012571)

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this bulletin is to issue the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedules, United States, 2014, for Medical Assistance (MA) beneficiaries under 19 years of age served by providers enrolled in the MA Program.

**SCOPE:**

This bulletin applies to all providers enrolled in the MA Program who administer immunizations and provide services in the fee-for-service and managed care delivery systems.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

As stated in 55 Pa.Code § 1241.42(2), the Department of Public Welfare (Department) is authorized to issue immunization guidelines based on recommendations of recognized medical organizations involved in children's health care. To ensure that MA eligible children and adolescents are receiving immunizations that conform to nationally recognized standards, the Department is updating its immunization guidelines to conform to the attached Recommended Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 0 Through 18 Years – United States, 2014, and the Catch-up Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 4 Months Through 18 Years Who Start Late or Who Are More Than 1 Month Behind – United States, 2014. The recommended immunization schedules for persons aged 0 through 18 years and the catch-up immunization schedule have been approved by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

<p><b>COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The appropriate toll free number for your provider type</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs Web site at  <a href="http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/provider/healthcaremedicalassistance/index.htm">http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/provider/healthcaremedicalassistance/index.htm</a></p>
--

## **PROCEDURE:**

Providers enrolled in the MA Program should use the attached immunization schedules. These immunization schedules are current with the changes in vaccine formulations and recommendations for the use of licensed vaccines. The changes to the 2014 Immunization Schedule as stated in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) Volume 63 as published February 7, 2014, found at [http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6305a6.htm?s\\_cid=mm6305a6\\_w](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6305a6.htm?s_cid=mm6305a6_w)., include the following:

- Figure 1, “Recommended Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 0 through 18 Years”:
  - Recommendations for persons who have been vaccinated before the minimum age/interval between doses of vaccine in a series were added.
  - Legend for the meningococcal conjugate vaccine row updated to reflect recommendation for use of MenACWY–CRM vaccine as early as age 2 months.
  - Pages 4 through 6 contain combined footnotes for each vaccine related to routine vaccination, catch-up vaccination, and vaccination of persons with high-risk medical conditions or under special circumstances.
- Standardized formatting used for footnotes for each vaccine to reflect the number of vaccine doses in a particular series.
  - Meningococcal conjugate vaccine footnotes updated to reflect recent recommendations for use of MCV4- CRM in high-risk persons aged 2 months and older.
  - Footnotes organized to reflect vaccine recommendations for each high-risk condition.
  - Influenza vaccine footnotes updated to provide guidance for dosing for children aged 6 months through 8 years for the 2013–14 and 2014–15 seasons.
  - Pneumococcal vaccine footnotes updated to provide guidance for vaccination of persons with high-risk conditions.
  - Hepatitis A vaccine footnotes updated to provide guidance for unvaccinated persons who are at increased risk for infection.
- Figure 2, Catch-Up Immunization Schedule:
  - *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) conjugate vaccine, pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, and tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine catch-up schedules updated to provide more clarity.

Providers should carefully review the 2014 schedules for detailed information on the appropriate dosages and ages for the administration of vaccines, and replace their current immunization schedule with the attached immunization schedules.

The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act requires that health-care providers provide parents or patients with copies of Vaccine Information Statements before administering each dose of the vaccines listed in the schedule. Additional information is available from state health departments and from the CDC at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/index.html>.

**OBSOLETE BULLETIN:**

This bulletin supersedes MA Bulletin 99-13-06, issued April 12, 2013.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- [Recommended Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 0 Through 18 Years - United States, 2014](#)
- [Catch-up Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 4 Months Through 18 Years Who Start Late or Who Are More Than 1 Month Behind - United States, 2014](#)