

## HEDIS Hints - IMA

- Immunizations for Adolescents (IMA)

### What is the measure?

IMA assesses the percentage of adolescent children who have had one dose of tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis (Tdap); one dose of Meningococcal conjugate (MCV); and two or three doses of the human papillomavirus (HPV) on or before the preteen or teen's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday.

- Meningococcal conjugate vaccination (MCV): on or between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Tdap on or between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> birthday
- HPV on or between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> birthday  
(If reporting on 2 vaccines, there must be 146 days between the first and second dose)

### Why is this measure important?

Vaccination is one of the best ways parents can protect preteens and teens from potentially harmful diseases. HEDIS measures are used across the country to measure population health outcomes. These measures help support efforts to improve immunization rates in adolescents.

### How can I improve my HEDIS Scores?

- Check care gaps on patients, including immunizations on the NebraskaTotalCare.com Provider Portal.
- Educate parents about importance of immunizations and vaccination schedules.
- Use your EMR systems for pre-visit planning and alerts to notify staff of immunizations.
- Schedule office visits to coincide with immunizations.
- Give immunizations during the correct time frames.
- Ensure proper documentation: dates of immunization; name of antigen.
- Submit a claim for all vaccinations using appropriate coding and timely submission.
- Submit a claim for exclusion if appropriate:
  - Exclude adolescents who had a contraindication for a specific vaccine.
  - Anaphylactic reaction to the vaccine or its components or anaphylactic reaction – serum anytime on or before the members 13<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Tdap	90715
Meningoccal (MCV)	90734
HPV	90649, 90650, 90651
SL Modifier	Use with the vaccine code for all vaccine billing under the Vaccine for Children's Program (VFC)

### Exclusion Codes

- Refer to Anaphylactic Reaction due to Vaccination Value Set, Anaphylactic Reaction Due to Serum Value Set – ICD-10

**Reference:** National Committee for Quality Assurance. (2018). HEDIS 2019 Volume 2 Technical Specifications For Health Plans Washington, DC 20005: American Medical Association. Pg. 76-79.