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<b>SUBJECT</b>  2013 Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedules		<b>BY</b>   Vincent D. Gordon, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs

**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, 2013, 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 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 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. The recommended immunization schedules for persons aged 0 through 18 years and the catch-up immunization schedule, United States, 2013, have been approved by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

**COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:**

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**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 2013 Immunization Schedule as stated in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) Volume 62 (Supplement), as published February 1, 2013, are highlighted as follows:

- New references and links to additional information have been added for travel vaccine requirements and recommendations.
- New references also are provided for vaccination of persons with primary and secondary immunodeficiencies.
- Updates to Figure 1:
  - "Recommended immunization schedule for persons aged 0 through 18 years" replaces "Recommended immunization schedule for persons aged 0 through 6 years" and "Recommended immunization schedule for persons aged 7 through 18 years."
  - Wording was added to bars to represent the respective vaccine dose numbers in the series.
  - The meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) purple bar was extended to age 6 weeks, to reflect licensure of Hib-MenCY vaccine.
  - The hepatitis A (HepA) vaccine yellow bar was extended to better reflect routine age recommendations for use of HepA vaccine. New green and purple bars were added to reflect hepatitis A vaccine recommendations for older children.
  - Abbreviations for influenza vaccine were updated with the anticipation of quadrivalent vaccine for the 2013–14 influenza season.
  - Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV23) was added.
- Updates to Footnotes:
  - Footnotes were combined and standardized formatting was used to provide recommendations for each vaccine related to routine vaccination, catch-up vaccination, and vaccination of persons with high-risk medical conditions or under special circumstances.
  - Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) footnotes were updated to reflect recent recommendations
  - Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine footnotes were updated to reflect recent recommendations.

- Influenza vaccine footnotes were updated to provide dosing guidance for children aged 6 months through 8 years for the 2012–13 and 2013–14 influenza seasons.
- Meningococcal conjugate (MCV4) vaccine minimum ages and intervals were updated in Figure 2, "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, 2013," to reflect licensure of Hib-MenCY vaccine.

Providers should carefully review the 2013 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/pubs/vis/default.htm>.

#### **OBSOLETE BULLETIN:**

This bulletin supersedes MA Bulletins, 01-12-23, 08-12-24, 09-12-24, 31-12-24, and 33-12-24 issued March 8, 2012.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- [Recommended Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 0 Through 18 Years, United States, 2013](#)
- [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, 2013](#)