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PLEASE COPY THIS FOR ALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN YOUR PRACTICE

TO: All Health Care Providers
FROM: Mick Bolduc, Vaccine Coordinator-Connecticut Vaccine Program (CVP)
DATE: June 25, 2015
SUBJECT: Meningococcal Group B vaccines

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mick Bolduc".

The primary purpose of this communication is to inform you of new recommendations for Meningococcal Group B vaccine and the availability of Meningococcal Group B vaccine for VFC & SCHIP patients 16-18 years of age.

Meningococcal Serogroup B vaccine

During its June 2015 meeting, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended permissive use of Meningococcal Group B vaccine for children 16-18 years old. This recommendation allows vaccination of children 16-18 years of age without high risk conditions based on an individual clinician's decision making.

Beginning July 1, 2015 providers can begin to order meningococcal serogroup B vaccines for all VFC & SCHIP patients 16-18 years old as well as for all high-risk VFC & SCHIP patients 10-15 years of age. High risk conditions include persons with persistent complement component deficiencies, anatomic or functional asplenia, microbiologists who are routinely exposed to *Neisseria meningitidis*, and those considered at risk due to an outbreak. Meningococcal serogroup B vaccine will not be available from the CVP for privately insured patients.

An updated Vaccine Eligibility Criteria form is enclosed. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (860) 509-7940.

Connecticut Vaccine Program (CVP)
Eligibility Criteria for vaccines as of July 1, 2015

Vaccine	Age Group	Status of Children VFC and State Supplied Vaccine				CPT Code(s)
		VFC Eligible ¹	Non-VFC Eligible Privately Insured ²	Non-VFC Eligible Under-Insured ²	S-CHIP ²	
Hepatitis B	Newborns in hospital Children 0-18 years	YES YES	YES YES	YES YES	YES YES	90744 90744
Varicella (Doses 1 & 2)	12 months-18 years ³	YES	YES	YES	YES	90716
Td	7-18 years ⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	90714
MMR (Doses 1 & 2)	12 months-18 years College (any age)	YES YES	YES YES	YES YES	YES YES	90707 90707
MMRV (Doses 1 & 2)	12 months-12 years	YES	YES	YES	YES	90710
DTaP	2 months – 6 years	YES	YES	YES	YES	90700
Hib	2-59 months	YES	YES	YES	YES	90647, 90648
IPV	2 months-18 years	YES	YES	YES	YES	90713
DTaP/IPV	4-6 years	YES	YES	YES	YES	90696
DTaP/IPV/Hep B	2-83 months	YES	YES	YES	YES	90723
DTaP/IPV/Hib	2-59 months	YES	YES	YES	YES	90698
Meningococcal Conjugate High Risk Children Routine Doses 1 & 2	2 months-10 years	YES	YES	YES	YES	90734
	11-18 years	YES	YES	YES	YES	90734
Meningococcal Conjugate/Hib	6 weeks-18 months	YES	YES	YES	YES	90644
Tdap	7-18 years ⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	90715
Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV13)	2 months-18 years	YES	YES	YES	YES	90670
Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (PPSV23)	2-18 years	YES	YES	YES	YES	90732
Influenza	6-59 months	YES	YES	YES	YES	90685, 90672, 90686
	5-18 years	YES	NO	YES	YES	90672, 90686
Hepatitis A	12-23 months	YES	YES	YES	YES	90633
	2-18 years	YES	NO	YES	YES	90633
Rotavirus	6 weeks-8 months	YES	NO	YES	YES	90680, 90681
HPV (males & females)	9-18 years	YES	NO	YES	YES	90649, 90650, 90651
Meningococcal Serogroup B	10-15 years (High Risk)	YES	NO	YES	YES	90620, 90621
	16-18 years	YES	NO	YES	YES	90620, 90621

¹ VFC eligibility is defined as follows: (a) Medicaid enrolled; (b) NO health insurance; (c) American Indian or Alaskan native; or (d) underinsured seen at an FQHC.

² Non-VFC children refers to patients who have private insurance that covers the cost of immunizations, patients that are under-insured for some or all vaccines seen by a private provider; and S-CHIP children- those children enrolled in HUSKY B.

³ Susceptible children who do not have a clinical history of chicken pox.

⁴ Td vaccine can be given to children 7-18 years of age to complete their primary series, or to those children 7-18 years of age who are in need of a Tetanus containing vaccine and cannot receive Tdap.

⁵ Tdap vaccine should be administered routinely to children at the 11-12 year old preventive health care visit, and to children 7-10 years old who have not been fully vaccinated against pertussis and for whom no contraindication to pertussis containing vaccine exists.

As of July 1, 2015 the only childhood vaccines not available from the CVP are: Flu for privately insured patients 5-18 years of age; Hep A for privately insured patients 2-18 years of age; Rotavirus for privately insured patients 6 weeks-8 months of age; Meningococcal Serogroup B for patients 10-18 years of age; and HPV for privately insured patients 9-18 years of age. For those vaccines providers can purchase them privately and submit billing requests to the appropriate insurer in accordance with normal billing procedures.

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