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## Immunization Program

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

**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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