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Federal Employee Program Helping Patients Maintain a Good Childhood Immunization Status

Patients with children age 2 and younger insured under the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Federal Employee Program® (FEP) will receive an email this month about the importance of regular well-child visits and immunizations. They will be encouraged to make sure their children get the recommended immunizations on or before their second birthday to support preventive care and wellness.

The Childhood Immunization Status (CIS) – an important measure of the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®¹) assesses the percentage of 2-year-old children who had all the recommended vaccines before their second birthday. For this reason, it is important to track such immunizations status for your patients.

Here are ways to help patients maintain a good CIS status:

- Review and document your patient’s vaccinations with the name of the specific antigen (vaccine) and the date it was administered.
- Submit the patient’s vaccinations to Florida’s immunization registry.
- Review and document your patient’s history of illness with the date.
- Submit claims and encounter data in a timely manner.
- Review and document any medical contraindications or religious reasons to explain why a child is not immunized.

Including the date of the vaccine in the patient’s record is critical. A note in the records stating immunizations are up to date without listing the dates and specific vaccines is not sufficient evidence of immunization for HEDIS reporting.

Recommended Vaccines and Doses Before Child Turns 2		
Type of Vaccine	Dosage	Recommended Age
<i>Diphtheria, Tetanus and Acellular Pertussis (DTaP)</i>	4 doses	Between 42 days after birth and on/or before second birthday
<i>Polio (IPV)</i>	3 doses	Between 42 days after birth and on/or before second birthday
<i>Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)</i>	1 dose	Between first and second birthday (only combined antigen meets the requirement for the CIS measure)
<i>Haemophilus Influenza type B (HiB)</i>	3 doses	Between 42 days after birth and on/or before second birthday
<i>Hepatitis B (HepB)</i>	3 doses	On or before second birthday
<i>Varicella (chicken pox) (VZV)</i>	1 dose	Between first and second birthday

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<i>Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV)</i>	4 doses	Between 42 days after birth and on/or before second birthday
<i>Hepatitis A (HepA)</i>	1 dose	Between first and second birthday
<i>Rotavirus (RV)</i>	2 or 3 doses	Between 42 days after birth and on/or before second birthday
<i>Influenza (flu) vaccines</i>	2 doses	Between 180 days (six months) after birth and on/or before second birthday

FEP patients can contact our Customer Service team at 1-800-333-2227 (TTY users, call 711) for help with benefits and claims questions. We are available Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon, ET. Members can also visit FEPBlue.org for more information.

To learn more about the CIS HEDIS measure for FEP members, click [here](#) or visit FloridaBlue.com. Select **For Providers, Tools & Resources, Programs, Federal Employee Program**, then **FEP Quick Reference Guide**.