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SUBJECT:
2006 Recommended Childhood and Adolescent
Immunization Schedule

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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 Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule, United States, 2006, for Medical Assistance (MA) recipients under 19 years of age served by MA enrolled providers. This bulletin supersedes MA Bulletins 01-05-02, 08-05-02, 09-05-03, 31-05-03, and 33-05-01 issued May 26, 2005.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to providers enrolled in the MA Program who are authorized to administer immunizations in either the Fee-for-Service (FFS) or Managed Care (MC) delivery system.

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 assure 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 Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule, United States, 2006, approved by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

PROCEDURE:

MA enrolled providers in both the FFS and MC delivery systems should use the attached Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule, United States, 2006. This immunization schedule is current with changes in vaccine

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formulations and reflects revised recommendations for the use of licensed vaccines, including those newly licensed. These changes, as stated in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly (MMWR) Report, are highlighted below:

- The importance of the hepatitis B vaccine (HepB) birth dose has been emphasized.
- A new tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid, and acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap adolescent preparation) is now recommended for adolescents 11-12 years of age who have completed the recommended childhood diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussis/diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis (DTP/DTaP) vaccination series and have not received a tetanus and diphtheria toxoids (Td) booster dose.
- Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) should be administered to all children 11-12 years of age, as well as to unvaccinated adolescents at high school entry (15 years of age). Other adolescents who wish to decrease their risk for meningococcal disease may also be vaccinated. All college freshmen living in dormitories should also be vaccinated with MCV4 or meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine (MPSV4).
- Influenza vaccine is now recommended for children aged ≥ 6 months with certain risk factors.
- Hepatitis A vaccine is now universally recommended for all children at 1 year of age (12-23 months).
- The catch-up schedule for persons 7-18 years of age has been changed for Td; Tdap may be substituted for any dose [of Td] in a primary catch-up series or as a booster if age appropriate for Tdap. As stated above, Tdap is now recommended for adolescents 11-12 years of age who have completed the recommended childhood DTP/DTaP vaccination series and have not received a Td booster dose.

Providers should carefully review the 2006 schedule for detailed information on the appropriate dosage and age for the administration of vaccines, and replace their current immunization schedule with the Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule, United States, 2006.