



Low Pre-Adolescent Vaccine Rates: Best Practices for Promoting Vaccines for STAR Kids

Provider Action Requested: Increase number of members receiving all recommended pre-adolescent vaccines including HPV.

Immunizations for Adolescents (IMA-2) rates of preteens receiving all meningococcal, Tdap, and HPV vaccines are lower than for any single vaccine given to preteens. BCBSTX goals for 2021 are to increase the rate of preteens (ages 9 through 12) receiving all three recommended vaccine series in order to prevent infections, illness, and cancers.

Best practices for completing immunizations for pre-adolescents:

- Make strong recommendations – vaccines prevent illness, infections, and cancers
- Bundle vaccines
- Remind members that vaccines are due
- Use [ImmTrac](#) to record complete vaccine history and identify members needing outreach
 - [DSHS ImmTrac User Training](#)
 - [CDCP Videos for Providers and Parents](#)
- [5 Ways to Boost Your HPV Vaccination Rates. CDCP. \(2020, June 29\)](#)
- [Toolkit for Pediatricians](#) - HPV Champion toolkit from the American Academy of Pediatrics
- [Merck webinar on vaccine confidence and addressing family concerns](#)

BCBSTX Reference Guides:

- [Child and Adolescent Tip Sheet](#)
- [HEDIS Billing Guide](#)
- [Using BCBSTX Indices for Performance](#)


Highlighted below: 2019 IMA-2 (all 3 recommended vaccine) rates for BCBSTX STAR Kids members are low

Line of Business	Description	Completion
All BCBSTX Medicaid	Combination 1 ((Meningococcal, Tdap)	66.47%
	Combination 2 (Meningococcal, Tdap, HPV)	26.85%
	HPV	29.84%
	Meningococcal conjugate	69.28%
	Tdap	69.58%
STAR Kids	Combination 1 ((Meningococcal, Tdap)	55.93%
	Combination 2 (Meningococcal, Tdap, HPV)	20.34%
	HPV	23.52%
	Meningococcal conjugate	58.47%
	Tdap	61.44%



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