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Dear Colleague,

As children go back to school, clinics are actively vaccinating kids of all ages. We want to highlight some upcoming changes in measurement of immunizations for adolescents, and provide you with additional information and resources.

In 2016, MN Community Measurement (MNCM) approved the Immunizations for Adolescents (Combo 2) measure for public reporting in 2018 (2017 dates of service). MNCM has been reporting Combo 1 since 2012; Combo 2 adds the HPV vaccine. This fall could be a great time to engage clinicians, patients and your community by building awareness of recent vaccine changes such as the new two-dose HPV vaccine schedule, and to increase your baseline results before the first year of reporting this updated measure. Results of the updated Combo 2 measure will be reported for the first time in the fall of 2018.

HPV vaccination is [recommended by the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\), the American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\) and endorsed by the National Cancer Institute \(NCI\) Cancer Centers](#). The Combo 2 HEDIS measure is calculated from claims and medical record review using data aggregated from health plans. The measure steward is [National Committee for Quality Assurance \(NCQA\)](#). [Here is the measure description:](#)

Immunizations for Adolescents (Combo 2): Measures the percentage of adolescents 13 years of age who had one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine; one tetanus, diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine; and have completed the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine series (two or three-dose) by their 13th birthday.

In addition to alignment with evidence-based recommendations and health plan metrics, this measure reflects a priority placed on HPV vaccination by the MN Cancer Alliance in [Cancer Plan Minnesota 2025](#).

The [National HPV Vaccination Roundtable](#), established by the American Cancer Society (ACS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is a new national coalition of public, private and voluntary organizations developing strategies and resources to increase HPV vaccination. The American Cancer Society, MN Department of Health, the Academy of Pediatrics and Academy of Family Physicians have all developed tools/resources to support clinic quality improvement and patient education.

To learn more about these new resources, contact Matt Flory at matt.flory@cancer.org or at 651-255-8190. To learn more about the IMA (Combo 2) measure, contact support@mncm.org at MNCM.

Thank you for your time, consideration and efforts to improve the health of your patients. Best wishes!

Sincerely,

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