

## VFC Update 10/14/15

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### Gardasil 9 available

Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers can begin placing orders for 9-valent HPV vaccine (Gardasil 9) through the Missouri VFC program. Providers using the Vaccine Ordering System to order can now order this vaccine through the electronic system. Providers using paper to order vaccines can find the updated Order form, Accountability form and Tally sheets on our website <http://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/immunizations/>.

Information regarding the use of 9-valent Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6411a3.htm>.

If providers do not know which HPV vaccine product was previously administered, or are transitioning to 9-valent HPV, any available HPV vaccine product may be used to continue or complete the series for females. HPV 9-valent or HPV 4-valent may be used to continue or complete the series for males. There is no data on the efficacy of fewer than 3 doses of 9-valent HPV.

Providers will need to use or transfer doses of HPV 4-valent because doses allowed to expire will need to be replaced per the replacement policy.

HPV 4-valent covers types 16 and 18 which cause the most cases of cancer in males. **So the current recommendation is to use the existing HPV 4-valent in stock for males if you have both HPV 4-valent and HPV 9-valent.** The additional types in HPV 9-valent add an additional 4% protection against cancer in males.

The ACIP-VFC resolution for HPV can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/downloads/resolutions/2015-02-2-HPV.pdf> and

A new VIS for Gardasil 9 with a revision date of 4/15/2015 has been released. The Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) for standard Gardasil should not be used for Gardasil 9. All VISs are available at <http://www.immunize.org/vis/>.

Please contact the Missouri VFC program at 800-219-3224 if you have questions or concerns.

