

VFC Update

Gardasil 9, Bexsero and Trumenba now available

New Vaccines Available

Dear VFC Providers,

VFC providers can begin placing orders for 9-valent HPV vaccine (Gardasil 9) and Meningococcal B vaccine (Bexsero, and Trumenba) through the Missouri Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. Providers using the Vaccine Ordering System to order can now order these vaccines 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.

Meningococcal B vaccine is only available to children 10 through 18 years of age at risk for meningococcal disease attributable to serogroup B, including:

- Children who have persistent complement component deficiencies (including inherited or chronic deficiencies in C3, C5-C9, properdin, factor H, or factor D or taking eculizumab [Soliris[®]]);
- Children who have anatomic or functional asplenia, including sickle cell disease; or
- Children identified to be at increased risk because of a meningococcal disease outbreak attributable to serogroup B. The outbreak must be declared by the Department of Health & Senior Services Bureau of Communicable Disease Control & Prevention or CDC.

The ACIP-VFC resolutions for HPV and Meningococcal can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/downloads/resolutions/2015-02-2-HPV.pdf> and <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/downloads/resolutions/2015-02-1-mening.pdf>

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.

