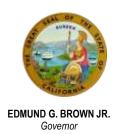


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TO: Vaccines for Children (VFC) Providers

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Subject: Quadrivalent HPV Vaccine (HPV4) Now Routinely Recommended for Males

The federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) now <u>recommends</u> <u>quadrivalent human papillomavirus</u> (HPV4) vaccine for routine use in males. VFC supplies of HPV vaccine have been available to VFC-eligible males since 2009.

ACIP Recommendations

- The 3-dose HPV4 series is now routinely recommended for boys 11 or 12 years old. Immunization with HPV4 may be started as early as age 9 years.
- HPV4 is also recommended for males who have received 0-2 doses of the 3dose HPV4 vaccine series if they are:
 - 13 through 21 years old, or
 - 22 through 26 years old, if immunocompromised or having sex with men.
- Other males ages 22 through 26 years may also be vaccinated with HPV4.
- As a reminder, the upper age limit for VFC vaccine supplies is 18 years.

VFC Eligibility

Gender	Age	Bivalent HPV Vaccine	HPV4
Females	9 through 18 years	Eligible	Eligible
Males	9 through 18 years	Not Eligible	Eligible

See the VFC resolution for additional information.

ACIP Recommendations on HPV Vaccine

Providers are encouraged to review the ACIP recommendations for HPV vaccine:

- Quadrivalent HPV vaccine recommendations for males December 2011
- Bivalent HPV vaccine for females and updated recommendations May 2010

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HPV Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) may be downloaded at www.EZIZ.org.

Questions? Please call your VFC Field Representation or the VFC Program at 877-243-8832 (877-2GET-VFC) or visit www.EZIZ.org.