

# Immunizations for Adolescents



## Measure Description:

- The percentage of adolescents who turn 13 years of age during the measurement year who had one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (serogroups A, C, W, Y), one tetanus, diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine, and have completed the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine series (2 or 3 doses, depending on age at initial vaccination) by their 13th birthday.
- The measure reports rates for each individual vaccine (meningococcal, Tdap, HPV) and two combination rates (Combo 1: meningococcal + Tdap; Combo 2: meningococcal + Tdap + HPV).
- This measure is identical to the CMS Child Core Set (IMA-CH) specification and the 2025 DOI Primary Care APM measure, using administrative or hybrid data collection methods.

## Numerator:

- Adolescents in the denominator who received the following by their 13th birthday: one meningococcal conjugate vaccine (on or between 11th and 13th birthday), one Tdap vaccine (on or between 10th and 13th birthday), and the complete HPV vaccine series (2 doses if started before age 15, or 3 doses if started at or after age 15, with appropriate spacing).
- Vaccines must be documented in CIIS, EHR, or claims; historical vaccines from birth count if verified.
- Combo 2 rate (used for payment): Members compliant with meningococcal, Tdap, and HPV series.

## Denominator:

- All adolescents who turn 13 years of age during the measurement year (CY2026), regardless of continuous enrollment requirements (measure allows for administrative data to pull from CIIS and claims).
- Members must be enrolled in Medicaid at the time of their 13th birthday to be included.
- Excludes members with documented contraindications or exclusions

## Services to Support Immunization Compliance:

- Well-child visits or preventive care appointments for ages 11-13, where vaccines can be administered during routine check-ups.
- School-based health centers or clinics, which often provide low-cost or free vaccinations and can report directly to CIIS.
- Community vaccination events or mobile clinics hosted by local health departments, targeting underserved populations or during back-to-school seasons.
- Pharmacy services for vaccine administration (e.g., retail pharmacies like Walgreens or King Soopers authorized for adolescent vaccines under Colorado law).
- Telehealth consultations for vaccine education and scheduling, followed by in-person administration.

## Best Practices:

- Schedule the meningococcal and Tdap vaccines at the 11-12-year well-child visit per American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) guidelines and start the HPV series at the same time to maximize completion rates.
- Use the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS) to verify vaccine history before administration, avoiding unnecessary duplicates and ensuring accurate numerator capture.

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- Educate parents and adolescents on vaccine safety and efficacy using the "Teach Back Method" to confirm understanding, such as asking them to repeat back key points like "Why is HPV vaccine important for cancer prevention?"
- Track series completion with electronic health record (EHR) reminders or alerts; HPV is often missed because it requires 2-3 doses (at 0 and 6-12 months for 2-dose, or 0, 1-2, 6 months for 3-dose), so set automated follow-up notifications.
- Partner with schools for catch-up clinics or requirement compliance programs, especially for middle school entry where Tdap and meningococcal are mandated in Colorado.
- Conduct outreach to patients who miss doses via phone, text, or patient portal messages, and assist with rescheduling as soon as possible to meet the 13th birthday deadline.
- For exclusions, document anaphylaxis or severe allergic reactions in the EHR problem list with SNOMED CT codes to ensure proper measure of exclusion during data review.
- Submit claims promptly with appropriate CPT codes to ensure vaccines are captured in CIIS and administrative data sets, reducing reliance on hybrid chart chases.
- Monitor practice performance using CIIS reports or EHR dashboards to identify gaps in Combo 2 rates and target interventions for high-risk groups (e.g., adolescents with delayed well visits).
- Collaborate with RAE quality teams for resources like vaccine stock or education materials to improve equity in immunization access.

## CY 2026 Payment Thresholds (Combo 2 Rate)

| Level     | Required Rate | Payout % |
|-----------|---------------|----------|
| Basecamp  | ≥31%          | 33%      |
| Tree Line | ≥36%          | 67%      |
| Summit    | ≥40%          | 100%     |

For the full list of codes, please see Appendix A on the following page.

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## Appendix A

| Codes to Identify Vaccines |                     |        |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------|
| Vaccine                    | CPT                 | CPT II |
| Meningococcal              | 90619, 90733, 90734 | 3039F  |
| Tdap                       | 90715               | 3040F  |
| HPV                        | 90649, 90650, 90651 | 3041F  |

| Codes to Identify Vaccines (Full Value Set) |                     |                                  |        |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| Vaccine                                     | CPT                 | CVX                              | CPT II |
| Meningococcal                               | 90619, 90733, 90734 | 32, 108, 114, 136, 147, 167, 203 | 3039F  |
| Tdap  | 90715               | 115                              | 3040F  |
| HPV   | 90649, 90650, 90651 | 62, 118, 137, 165                | 3041F  |

| Codes for Exclusions - Anaphylaxis |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Vaccine                            | SNOMED CT       |
| Meningococcal                      | 428301000124106 |
| Tdap (Tetanus)                     | 428321000124101 |
| Tdap (Diphtheria)                  | 428331000124103 |
| Tdap (Pertussis)                   | 428341000124108 |
| HPV                                | 428241000124101 |