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Medi-Cal Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Educational Article – 2019 Updated Immunization Updates

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers regarding updated 2019 Immunization Updates.

Influenza vaccine:

As in prior years, routine annual influenza vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months of age or older without contraindications. Formulary options for Molina include Flulaval quadrivalent, Afluria quadrivalent, Fluclv quadrivalent, Fluzone quadrivalent and Fluarix quadrivalent. All women who are pregnant or who might become pregnant during the influenza season should receive an age-appropriate inactivated influenza vaccine, administered at any time during pregnancy. Live vaccines should never be used during pregnancy. Persons with a history of egg allergy of any severity may receive any licensed, recommended, and age-appropriate influenza vaccine. Health care providers should offer vaccination by the end of October each year, if possible. Children 6 months through 8 years of age who require two doses should receive their first dose as soon as possible after vaccine becomes available to allow the second dose (which must be administered ≥ 4 weeks later) to be received by the end of October. Vaccination should be offered if influenza viruses are circulating, and unexpired vaccine is available.

Hepatitis A vaccine:

On February 21, 2018, ACIP updated their recommendations for both HepA virus postexposure prophylaxis (PEP) and HepA virus preexposure prophylaxis for international travel. For PEP, ACIP now recommends administration of the HepA vaccine to all persons 1 year of age or older. Among persons 40 years of age or older, immune globulin (IG) may be administered in addition to HepA vaccine, depending on the provider's risk assessment ACIP determined that HepA vaccine for PEP provides advantages over IG, including induction of active immunity, longer duration of protection, ease of administration, and greater acceptability and availability. between 6 and 11 months of age, traveling to countries wherein protection against HepA virus is recommended. However, the travel-related dose for The updated recommendation for HepA virus preexposure prophylaxis for international travel states that HepA vaccine should now be administered to infants between 6 and 11 months of age should not be counted toward the routine 2-dose HepA vaccination series, and the 2-dose series should still be initiated once an infant reaches 12 months of age according to the routine, age-appropriate vaccination schedule. All other

recommendations for preexposure protection against the HepA virus for travelers younger than 6 months of age and travelers.

In addition, considering large outbreaks in California and other states, on October 24, 2018, ACIP recommended routine immunization against the HepA virus for all persons 1 year of age or older experiencing homelessness.

The formulary product for Molina for Hepatitis A is Havrix (covered for ages 19 and over).

Human Papillomavirus Vaccine:

Routine vaccination against HPV is recommended at 11 or 12 years of age in order to prevent new HPV infections and HPV-associated disease; however, vaccination can be administered starting at 9 years of age. In June 2019, ACIP recommended catch-up HPV vaccination for all persons 26 years of age or younger. ACIP did not recommend catch-up vaccination for all adults 27 through 45 years of age but recognized that some persons who are not adequately vaccinated might be at risk for new HPV infection and might benefit from vaccination in this age range; therefore, ACIP recommended shared clinical decision making regarding potential HPV vaccination for this population. HPV vaccines are not licensed for use in adults 46 years of age or older. Routine recommendations for HPV vaccination of adolescents have not changed. Gardasil is on Molina's formulary for human papillomavirus vaccine (covered for ages 19 and over).

Measles virus:

In July 2019, the CDC released an update to its Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Measles in Healthcare Settings, which is available on the CDC website (<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/pdf/guidelines/Measles-Interim-IC-Recs-H.pdf>). The CDC advises implementing this interim guidance in the context of a comprehensive infection prevention program to prevent transmission of all infectious agents among patients, health care personnel, and visitors.

Recommendations include the following:

- Ensure that all health care personnel have presumptive evidence of immunity to measles.
- Minimize potential measles exposure by providing patients with suspected measles with arrival instructions when scheduling appointments, and by using triage stations to rapidly identify and isolate these patients.
- Adhere to the CDC's Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Precautions to Prevent Transmission of Infectious Agents.
- Evaluate all exposed health care personnel, patients, and visitors for measles immunity.
- Group infected patients together and create expedient patient isolation rooms in the event of an outbreak.

For more information regarding DUR 2019 Immunization Updates: Flu, HepA, HPV, Measles, CA School Requirements, please visit: https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured_28160.pdf

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding the notification, please contact your Molina Provider Services Representative at (888) 562-5442. Please refer to the extensions on page one.