

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

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	<b>Purpose:</b>	<b>Provider Bulletin: Florida Healthy Kids and Medikids Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine Education</b>
	<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Florida Healthy Kids and Medikids Immunizations Update</b>
	<b>Products:</b>	<b>All Lines of Business (MMA, FHK)</b>
	<b>From:</b>	<b><u>Provider Relations</u></b>

Dear Provider,

This communication is to inform you that Aetna Better Health of Florida (ABHFL) considers Gardasil 9 (human papillomavirus (HPV) 9-valent vaccine) a medically necessary preventive service for persons age 9 to 45 years. ABHFL also considers Gardasil 9 vaccination not medically necessary for persons who have completed a three-dose series with Gardasil or Cervarix.

If vaccination providers do not know or do not have available the HPV vaccine product previously administered, or are in settings transitioning to Gardasil 9, any available HPV vaccine product is considered medically necessary to continue or complete the three-dose series for females; Gardasil 9 is considered medically necessary to continue or complete the three-dose series for males.

Cervarix bivalent HPV vaccine has been removed from the ACIP immunization schedule. This vaccine has been removed from the U.S. market, and all available vaccine doses have expired.

Gardasil-4 (quadrivalent) vaccine is no longer available for use in the United States. The last doses expired on May 1, 2017. This vaccine has been replaced with Gardasil-9.

**Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>**, Aetna Better Health of Florida will implement a new payment methodology for vaccines administered to its Florida Healthy Kids and MediKids members. As of this date, ABH will reimburse all vaccines not covered by Vaccines for Children at 100% of the vaccine's wholesale acquisition cost (WAC).

This change is necessary to ensure providers receive reimbursement that aligns with the current market price for vaccines, and in most cases, will result in additional payment to providers.

**Please be advised that CPT codes 90650 and 90649 are no longer valid and have been replaced with 90651 – Gardasil 9.**

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## What you need to know

- Your reimbursement for vaccines will not change if:
  - Your current contracted rate(s) for vaccines is based on a negotiated flat fee
  - Your current contracted rate for vaccines is based on a different percentage of WAC
- Your reimbursement for vaccines will change if:
  - Your current contracted rate for vaccines is based on a percentage of the Title XXI Immunization Fee Schedule
  - Your current contracted rate is based on a percentage of Average Wholesale Price (AWP)
- Providers must include the appropriate National Drug Code (NDC) number for each vaccine billed on the claim to ensure proper payment
- Providers must ensure that the NDC is cross walked to the appropriate Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code. Incorrect NDC/CPT combinations will result in claim denial.

For additional information please visit our Medical Clinical Policy (0726) Bulletin on our Clinical Policy Bulletins page:

- [http://www.aetna.com/cpb/medical/data/700\\_799/0726.html](http://www.aetna.com/cpb/medical/data/700_799/0726.html)

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Thank you

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