

Special Bulletin

For professional providers in Pennsylvania

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Reminder for CHIP Providers: HPV Vaccine is Recommended Starting at Age 9

The Pennsylvania Cancer Coalition is requesting that Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) managed care plans share the following recommendation: *the HPV vaccine should be given to children starting at age 9.*

By starting the vaccination process at age 9, children will have a greater likelihood of completing the series of vaccines by age 13, resulting in fewer of them — either as adolescents or adults — contracting HPV infections, which cause cancer.

The vaccine provides safe, effective, and lasting protection against the HPV infections that most commonly cause cancer.

The CHIP Office is requiring managed care plans to share the following communications with primary care and pharmacy providers who participate in the Children's Health Insurance Program in the commonwealth:

- [Letter from PA Cancer Coalition](#)
- [HPV Vaccination Starting at Age 9](#)
- [Rural Disparities in HPV Vaccination](#)

To learn more about HPV prevention, please visit the American Cancer Society's website by clicking [here](#).

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