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## Clinical Practice Guideline

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# ***Preventive Services Guideline for Children and Adolescents***

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## RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

The health plan supports the immunization recommendations for children and adolescents (age 0 through 18 years) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which is recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and approved by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), American College of Nurse-Midwives, American Academy of Physician Associates (AAPA), and National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP).

In addition, the health plan supports the American Academy of Pediatrics recommendations for well-child schedules (age 0 through 21 years).

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## REFERENCE

### IMMUNIZATIONS

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for Ages 18 Years or Younger. United States – 2024. Available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf>

### WELL-CHILD SCHEDULES

American Academy of Pediatrics. Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care. 2023. Available at: <https://publications.aap.org/pediatrics/article/151/4/e2023061451/190849/2023-Recommendations-for-Preventive-Pediatric>

## POSITION STATEMENT

The CDC and American Academy of Pediatrics recommendations are supported by the health plan because they are based on scientific evidence, and where evidence is lacking, on panel consensus judgment. The guidelines reflect the current standard of care.

- They consist of an independent panel of experts in primary care and prevention that systematically review the evidence of effectiveness and develops recommendations for clinical preventive services.
- The panel members are recognized experts practicing in a variety of professional settings.

## GUIDELINE ADOPTION AND RECOMMENDED USE

This guideline has been adopted based on nationally recognized sources. This guideline is based on the most recent medical evidence available at the time of the report or on a consensus of panel experts. The health plan adopts guidelines to help practitioners and members make decisions about appropriate health care for specific medical conditions. Guidelines are not a substitute for professional medical advice.

## BENEFIT DETERMINATION

Benefit determinations should be based in all cases on the applicable contract coverage, which may not cover all preventive services or immunizations addressed in the guidelines. To the extent that there are any conflicts between these guidelines and the contract language, the contract language takes precedence.

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