

MedStar Health, Inc.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

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MP.033.MH – HPV Vaccine

This policy applies to the following lines of business:

- ✓ MedStar Employee (Select)
- ✓ MedStar CareFirst PPO

MedStar Health considers **HPV Vaccine** medically necessary for the following indications:

GARDASIL 9 is indicated:

1. For girls and women who are between the age of 9 and 45 for prevention of the following disease caused by HPV types included in the vaccine:
 - Cervical, vulvar, vaginal and anal cancer caused by HPV types 6, 11, 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52 and 58;
 - Genital warts caused by HPV types 6 and 11And the following precancerous or dysplastic lesions caused by HPV types 6, 11, 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52 and 58
2. For boys and men 9 through 45 years of age for routine prevention of HPV and prevention of genital warts caused by HPV:
 - a. Anal cancer caused by HPV types 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, and 58.
 - b. Genital warts caused by HPV types 6 and 11.
 - c. And the following precancerous or dysplastic lesions caused by HPV types 6, 11, 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, 58
3. It is recommended that GARDASIL 9 should be administered intramuscularly in the deltoid region of the upper arm or in the higher anterolateral area of the thigh:
 - a. For individuals 9 through 14 years of age, GARDASIL 9 can be administered using a 2-dose or 3-dose schedule.
 - i. For the 2-dose schedule, the second dose should be administered 6–12 months after the first dose. If the second dose is administered less than 5 months after the first dose, a third dose should be given at least 4 months after the second dose.
 - ii. For the 3-dose schedule, GARDASIL 9 should be administered at 0, 2 months, and 6 months.
 - b. For individuals 15 through 45 years of age, GARDASIL 9 is administered using a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 months, and 6 months.

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LIMITATIONS - Gardasil:

- Gardasil is contraindicated in individuals who are hypersensitive to the active substances or to any of the excipients of the vaccine.
- It is not recommended to be given during pregnancy.
- If pregnancy is detected after vaccination has been given, the subsequent dosing should be delayed until the pregnancy has been completed.
- The vaccine does not replace routine cervical cancer screening as per national guidelines for screening.

Background

The US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) reports an age-adjusted annual incidence rate of cervical cancer to be 6.6 cases per 100,000 women. It most commonly occurs in women 35-55 years of age and is the second most common cancer in women worldwide. Cervical cancer deaths have decreased dramatically in the United States since the implementation of more widespread cervical cancer screening.

The Mayo Clinic defines the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Test as a test that detects the presence of HPV, a virus that can lead to the development of genital warts, abnormal cervical cells and cervical cancer. Scientists have identified over 80 HPV types, with about 40 types affecting the genital tract. Currently, the HPV test only exists to women.

The CDC details there is one licensed HPV vaccines available in the United States:

- Gardasil 9: FDA approved Gardasil 9 for use in 2014. The safety of Gardasil 9 was studied in clinical trials with more than 15,000 participants before it was licensed and continues to be monitored. Gardasil 9 protects against HPV types 6, 11, 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, and 58.

Codes:

CPT Codes / HCPCS Codes / ICD-10 Codes	
Code	Description
CPT codes:	
90651	Human Papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine, types 6, 11, 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, 58 nonvalent (HPV), 3 dose schedule, for IM use
ICD-10 codes covered if selection criteria are met:	
Z23	Encounter for Immunization

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