

Vaccination Updates

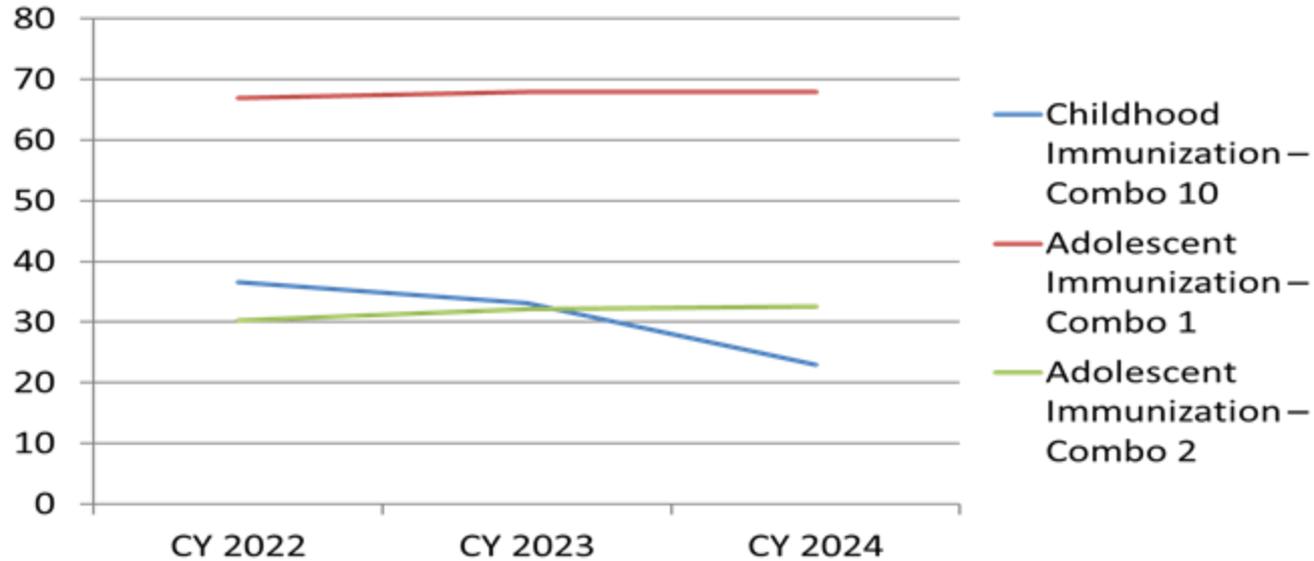
Program Improvement Advisory Committee Meeting

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Immunizations: Declining Childhood Vaccination Rates



CMS Core Measure Update: Immunization measures were recently moved from mandatory to voluntary reporting for 2026. Colorado will continue to report immunization measures to CMS and closely monitor trends to support transparency, accountability, and targeted improvement efforts.

Pediatric Vaccine Schedule Changes

New “Recommended for All Children” Schedule

- Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough)
- Haemophilus influenzae
- Pneumonia
- Inactivated Polio
- Measles/Mumps/Rubella
- Varicella (Chicken Pox)
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) - new single dose

11 vaccines remain on this schedule



6 vaccines previously uniformly recommended have been moved to:

High Risk or Shared Decision Making recommendation

- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis A
- Meningitis -Meningococcal ACWY
- Rotavirus
- Influenza
- COVID-19

3 vaccines continue to be recommended for High Risk groups or through Shared Decision Making

- RSV (Previously for high risk groups)
- Dengue (Previously for high risk groups)
- Meningitis B (Previously Shared Decision Making)

Health Care Community Response

- American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Family Physicians and American Medical Association have all condemned these changes.
- CDPHE announced that Colorado health care providers should provide vaccines per the AAP schedule which aligns closely with the previous CDC schedule.
- HCPF has notified providers that vaccines provided through shared decision making will continue to be covered.

Next Steps

- Continue to educate providers, members and the health care community
 - Continued availability and coverage of vaccines for our members
- Collaborate with CDPHE, RAES, MCOs and groups like Colorado Chooses Vaccines
 - Community, member and provider outreach efforts
 - Encourage use of the AAP vaccine schedule
 - Combat vaccine hesitancy/diminishing vaccination rates

Core Metric Set Changes

- Current CMS pediatric immunization metrics have been removed from the mandatory reporting list.
 - Performance on these metrics is a part of our quality program.
- In an effort to continue to prioritize vaccination, but not penalize our providers and RAEs on the downstream impact of the federal guideline changes, we are looking at adjusting our ACC Phase III pediatric immunization quality metric.
- Stakeholdering new metrics that will measure vaccination rates of the CDC recommended vaccines. We plan to continue to share with RAEs/providers the vaccination performance rates for the previous measures - Childhood Immunization Status and Immunizations for Adolescents.