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To: Family Practice, General Practice and Pediatric physicians

From: IEHP - Provider Relations

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Subject: Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination – Member Incentives and Best Practices Webinar Invitation

We are reaching out to emphasize the importance of administering the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to children starting at the age of nine.

HPV Vaccine Facts:

The American Cancer Society and American Academy of Pediatrics support HPV vaccination starting at age nine to improve overall vaccination rates and coverage.

- **Early vaccination can significantly enhance the vaccine's effectiveness** and contribute to the reduction of HPV-related cancers. Doing so provides long-term protection against HPV infections that can lead to cervical, anal, oropharyngeal, and other cancers.
- Initiating the HPV vaccine at nine years old allows for more opportunities to complete the vaccine series on time and increases the likelihood of vaccinating prior to first HPV exposure.
- This age range coincides with routine well-child visits, facilitating better adherence to the vaccination schedule. Initiating the HPV vaccine series at nine years old also reduces questions about sexual activity by parents or caregivers.

We strongly encourage you to adopt the practice of initiating the HPV vaccine series at nine years old during routine visits. This proactive approach aligns with current clinical guidelines and maximizes the benefits of vaccination, ensuring better protection for our youth against HPV-related diseases.

For more resources to help your Members understand the initiation of HPV vaccination starting age 9, please visit the National Library of Medicine can be found here: [KHVI_19_2269026.pdf \(nih.gov\)](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/2269026/)

Member Incentive:

- To support this effort, IEHP mails a notice to Members at age 9 that they are eligible for a **\$50 incentive for receiving the first dose of the HPV vaccine.**
- Members remain eligible to receive the \$50 incentive for the first dose as long as it is completed by their 13th birthday.
- Members will also receive an **additional \$150 incentive for completing the HPV vaccine series by their 13th birthday.**

Webinar Information:

The American Cancer Society in partnership with the National HPV Vaccination Roundtable and the Indiana Immunization Coalition will host a **webinar** titled [HPV Vaccination Best Practices](#) on **August 28th** at 2pm EST which will cover interventions for providers and their care team.

- **CME, CNE, and Pharmacy continuing education credits will be offered for attending.**

To register, click [here](#) or visit:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/9617012768176/WN_KDjofY4IT6mi84KoBRtcyg#/registration

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need further information. Together, we can make a significant impact on the health and well-being of our Members.

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