

# NEVADA MENINGOCOCCAL CONJUGATE VACCINE (MCV4) REQUIREMENT

## PROVIDER CHECKLIST

Starting in the 2017-2018 school year, all students entering 7th grade will be required to show proof of one quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccination (MCV4 or MenACWY) given on or after 10 years of age. Additionally, all freshmen at a Nevada university under 23 years of age will be required to show proof of one MCV4 vaccination given on or after 16 years of age. Start now and immunize at the earliest opportunity!

- Assess immunization status during every office visit, including sick visits and sports physicals
- Check the Nevada WebIZ immunization information system for vaccine status of each patient before the visit
- Give MCV4 and all other recommended vaccines during the visit, when possible.
- Prepare for a potential back-to-school rush for the MCV4 vaccine: e.g. schedule extra clinic hours, staff adequately, and order enough VFC and privately purchased MCV4 vaccine.

**Meningococcal disease is extremely serious! It can cause shock, coma, and death within hours of the first symptom. Even if you catch it early and get to the hospital, 10-15% of people infected with meningitis die. Of the people who survive, many will lose an arm or leg, have brain damage, or suffer permanent hearing loss.**

### Provide clear documentation of having received the MCV4 vaccine to patients and their schools

Accepted documentation includes a printout from Nevada WebIZ, physician’s note, print out from an electronic medical record or the school physical form with the month, day and year that the MCV4 vaccine was administered

	7-10 years old	11-12 years old	13-18 years old
<b>Tdap</b>	Childhood Catch-Up	Recommended	Catch-Up
<b>HPV</b>	High Risk		Recommended
<b>MCV4</b>			
<b>Flu (annually)</b>	Recommended		Recommended

## **STRONGLY RECOMMEND VACCINES!**

Your patients trust and respect your professional recommendation. They look to you to guide them as they make important decisions about their health.

- Use posters and charts around your office as reminders and as conversation starters.
- Recommend all ACIP recommended vaccines even if they are not required for school enrollment. Same way, same day.
- Make certain that all staff support and understand the importance of vaccination. Nurses, medical assistants, clerical staff, and all other staff play a key role maintaining high vaccination rates.

## **REDUCE FINANCIAL BARRIERS**

- Participate in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, which provides low or no cost vaccines to eligible children birth through 18 years of age. For more information visit [vfcnevada.org](http://vfcnevada.org)

## **STANDING ORDERS**

- Standing orders are a great way to improve vaccination rates. More information can be found here: <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3066.pdf>

## **PROVIDE ALL RECOMMENDED VACCINES IN A SINGLE VISIT**

- The CDC recommends permissive use of serogroup B meningococcal vaccination (MenB vaccines) at ages 16-23 years, with a preferred age of administration at 16 to 18 years. Discuss with your older adolescent patients whether MenB vaccination is appropriate for them.
- It is safe and encouraged to administer all ACIP recommended vaccines in one visit.
- Separate injection sites by 2 inches.

## **DO NOT MISS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADMINISTER VACCINES**

- Adolescents do not visit the doctor as often as babies; therefore, take every opportunity to vaccinate- including well visits, sick visits, and sports physicals.

## **HAVE RESPECTFUL DISCUSSIONS**

- Some parents may have concerns about vaccines. It is important to listen, answer questions, and respectfully discuss vaccines.
- Even if a parent refuses a vaccine at one appointment, continue to have the conversation at future appointments.

## **USE REMINDER RECALL TOOLS**

- Reminder recall tools are a great way to improve immunization rates- especially with vaccine series such as HPV and MCV4. Nevada WebIZ and many EMRs have a reminder recall function.

## **USE WEBIZ, NEVADA'S IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM**

- Patient immunization records can be stored and accessed through the state immunization information system (Nevada WebIZ). More information can be found here: <https://izrecord.nv.gov/> or call 775-684-5954

## **PREPARE FOR A POTENTIAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL RUSH**

- Only order the amount of vaccines that you will need. How many patients need to receive MCV4 and other routine vaccines?
- Place your order early enough to avoid running out of vaccine. Vaccine orders require at least 2-3 weeks for delivery.
- Do not order too many doses, so the vaccine doses may be properly stored.