



Attention providers: HPV vaccine now covered by EqualityCare

The HPV Vaccine (for human papillomavirus) is now a covered benefit for your EqualityCare (Wyoming Medicaid) clients and patients who qualify for WyVIP.

For Wyoming EqualityCare (Medicaid) clients:

- ✓ The vaccine is covered for females ages 9-26.
- ✓ Acceptable diagnosis code V04.89.
- ✓ Use CPT 90649 for the administration of the vaccine.
- ✓ Add SL for modifier state supplied vaccine.

For those patients who are not covered by EqualityCare, but qualify for WyVIP (females ages 9-18), the program has added the vaccine, at no cost, to its list of currently available vaccines. If you are using state supplied vaccine, note the SL Modifier and bill for vaccine administration.

HPV Vaccine Facts:

- A new quadrivalent vaccine, Gardasil, protects against four HPV types (6, 11, 16, 18), which are responsible for 70% of cervical cancers.
- This vaccine is made from non-infectious HPV-like particles and does not contain thimerosal or mercury.
- Ideally, the vaccine should be administered before onset of sexual activity; however, females who are sexually active may also benefit from vaccination
- The vaccine should be administered to 11 to 12-year-old females and may be administered to females as young as 9 years of age. The vaccine also is recommended for 13 to 26-year-old females who have not yet received or completed the vaccine series.
- It is recommended that Gardasil be administered in three separate intramuscular injections over a six-month period: 0, 2 and 6 months. Series needs to be completed within a one-year period of time. HPV can be administered along with other childhood vaccines.
- Clinical trials in HPV naïve females, 16-26 years of age, have demonstrated 100% efficacy in preventing cervical pre-cancers caused by the targeted HPV types. The trials have also indicated nearly 100% efficacy in preventing vulvar and vaginal pre-cancers and genital warts caused by the targeted HPV type 39.

For more information on HPV and the vaccine, contact the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) at (www.cdc.gov) for more information. Contact manufacturer for supply if not WyVIP.

Healthy Together! is offered by the Wyoming Department of Health to all Wyoming EqualityCare clients at no cost. The program provides one-on-one support from a nurse, educational materials to encourage the self-management of health and assistance in coordinating care among multiple providers. **Healthy Together!** also provides EqualityCare clients with information on weight loss, smoking cessation, and how to adopt healthy lifestyles. **Healthy Together!** was named the Best Government Disease Management Program by the Disease Management Association of America in 2005.

