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TO: Advance Practice Nurses, Independent Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospitals, Pharmacists, and Physicians - **For Action**
Health Maintenance Organizations - **For Action**

SUBJECT: Hepatitis B Vaccination Coverage

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

PURPOSE: To advise providers that coverage for Hepatitis B vaccination for children shall continue and shall be based on New Jersey Department of Health (DOH) guidelines.

BACKGROUND: On December 5, 2025, the DOH issued Executive Directive No. 25-005, detailing official recommendations on administration of the Hepatitis B Vaccine. DOH recommends that health care providers in the State follow the scheduling and dosing schedules for the administration of the Hepatitis B vaccine for their newborn and infant patients as established by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). This Newsletter memorializes the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) policies with respect to coverage of the Hepatitis B Vaccine through the NJ FamilyCare program. These policies are aligned with the guidance recently released by DOH.

ACTION: NJ FamilyCare will continue to cover Hepatitis B vaccination for all members 0-18 years of age who satisfy the guidelines established by DOH through [Executive Directive No. 25-005](#). *This includes coverage for a dose administered within 24 hours of birth.* NJ FamilyCare providers shall continue to provide Hepatitis B Vaccines based on current AAP guidelines found at <https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/AAP-Immunization-Schedule.pdf> and shall continue to bill following current billing procedures.

Coverage of the Hepatitis B Vaccine is available through both the fee-for-service and managed care delivery systems. NJ FamilyCare managed care organizations are required to cover Hepatitis B vaccinations as recommended by DOH, and are expected to ensure that materials and communications furnished to members accurately reflect this policy.

This policy is effective immediately and will remain in place until further notice. Note that the vaccination series is a routine public health recommendation and that Hepatitis B Vaccination following the AAP guidelines does not require further evidence of medical necessity to be administered or covered by NJ FamilyCare for eligible age groups.

If you have any questions concerning this Newsletter, please contact NJ FamilyCare at (609) 588-2600.

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