

SPECIAL eBULLETIN

FOR PROFESSIONAL AND FACILITY PROVIDERS

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IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT CHIP PREVENTIVE CARE IMMUNIZATIONS

The Pennsylvania Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) continues to require immunizations for CHIP enrollees in accordance with the most current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended pediatric immunization schedules. With the upcoming school year around the corner, it's important to ensure that children are up to date with all immunizations and vaccines to protect them from serious infectious diseases. Highmark asks that you continue the promotion of childhood immunizations by educating parents and caregivers about the importance of vaccinations.

Vaccinations are required for children to attend school in Pennsylvania; however, the vaccination requirements do allow for exemptions in the case of a medical reason, religious belief, or philosophical/strong moral and/or ethical conviction.

Talk to parents and caregivers about immunizations for which their child is eligible according to the [CDC recommended immunization schedule](#) and the [Pennsylvania Department of Health school vaccination requirements](#).

Highmark will be reaching out to CHIP enrollees, which may result in inquiries to your practice about their immunization status.

