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TO: Vaccines for Children (VFC) Providers

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Subject: Quadrivalent HPV Vaccine (HPV4) Now Routinely Recommended for Males

The federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) now recommends quadrivalent human papillomavirus (HPV4) vaccine for routine use in males. VFC supplies of HPV vaccine have been available to VFC-eligible males since 2009.

**ACIP Recommendations**

- The 3-dose HPV4 series is now routinely recommended for boys 11 or 12 years old. Immunization with HPV4 may be started as early as age 9 years.
- HPV4 is also recommended for males who have received 0-2 doses of the 3-dose HPV4 vaccine series if they are:
  - 13 through 21 years old, or
  - 22 through 26 years old, if immunocompromised or having sex with men.
- Other males ages 22 through 26 years may also be vaccinated with HPV4.
- As a reminder, the upper age limit for VFC vaccine supplies is 18 years.

**VFC Eligibility**

Gender	Age	Bivalent HPV Vaccine	HPV4
Females	9 through 18 years	Eligible	Eligible
Males	9 through 18 years	Not Eligible	Eligible

See the [VFC resolution](#) for additional information.

**ACIP Recommendations on HPV Vaccine**

Providers are encouraged to review the ACIP recommendations for HPV vaccine:

- [Quadrivalent HPV vaccine recommendations for males – December 2011](#)
- [Bivalent HPV vaccine for females and updated recommendations – May 2010](#)

**HPV Vaccine Information Statement (VIS)** may be downloaded at [www.EZIZ.org](http://www.EZIZ.org).

**Questions?** Please call your VFC Field Representation or the VFC Program at 877-243-8832 (877-2GET-VFC) or visit [www.EZIZ.org](http://www.EZIZ.org).