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## Catch up on routine childhood vaccines

During National Immunization Awareness Month, many parents rush to catch up on missed well-child visits and recommended childhood vaccines as their children prepare to return to school. The CDC recommends that providers and health care professionals encourage families to schedule vaccines and visits to help their children catch up.

### Tips to consider

- Identify members who've missed well-child visits or childhood vaccines and contact their parents and/or caregivers to schedule appointments.
- Check for any missing immunizations at each visit and address common misconceptions about vaccines.
- Recommend immunizations for children to their parents: Parents are more likely to agree with vaccinations when they have the support of their provider who can address common misconceptions.
- Review immunization records at every visit: Check the child's immunization record before each visit and administer any needed vaccines.
- Use appropriate codes: Properly code for compliance to reduce the need for medical record requests.

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- Include previous vaccinations: If vaccines were given before the child became a member, request these records and include them in the child's vaccination history, even if your office didn't administer the vaccine.

Here are the CDC's [General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization](#) for your information.

For more information about the Childhood Immunization Status (CIS) HEDIS measure and other key HEDIS measures, please visit our new [Quality resources for providers](#) section at [wellsense.org](https://wellsense.org).

## Questions?

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