



# Prevention Matters: Childhood Immunization Status (CIS)



With so much apprehension over vaccines these days, it's important to talk with the parents of your patients to get an understanding of their concerns. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) Medicaid wants to increase the number of children receiving their required immunizations as scheduled.

## Required Documentation

- Vaccine name and date administered
- History of illness (date) or seropositive result for the following: measles, mumps, rubella, chickenpox or Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis B: Assess if first dose was provided at birth. If so, document it in medical record 'HepB' at delivery

## Measure Definition for Combo 10:

The percentage of children two years of age who had the following vaccines by their second birthday.

Immunizations	Doses
Measles Mumps Rubella ( <b>MMR</b> )	One dose
Hemophilus influenza type B ( <b>HiB</b> )	Three doses
Chickenpox ( <b>VZV</b> )	One dose
Hepatitis B ( <b>HepB</b> )	Three doses
Hepatitis A ( <b>HepA</b> )	One dose
Polio ( <b>IPV</b> )	Three doses
Flu vaccines	Two doses
Diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis ( <b>DTap</b> )	Four doses
Rotavirus ( <b>RV</b> )	Two or three doses (vaccine brand dependent)
Pneumococcal conjugate ( <b>PCV</b> )	Four doses

## Concerns about vaccines

A frequent question among parents is whether it is safe to inject their child with multiple vaccines at one time. The [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) suggests the following tips when dealing with concerned parents.

## Tips for improvement

- ✓ Share that no evidence suggests that receiving several vaccines at one time will damage or overwhelm a healthy child's immune system.



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- ✓ Explain what antigens are and emphasize the small number of antigens in vaccines compared to the antigens babies encounter every day in their environment.
- ✓ Remind parents that they must start each vaccine series on time to protect their child as soon as possible. Their child must complete each multi-dose series for the best protection. There're no data to support that spacing out vaccines offers safe or effective protection from these diseases.
- ✓ Document vaccines administered in the state immunization system.

### Resources:

Latest Vaccine Schedule for children up to 18 years of age:

- [Recommended Immunization Schedules](#)
- [ImmTrac2](#)
- [CDC Vaccines & Immunizations](#)

### Other Resources:

- [Child and Adolescent Tip Sheet](#)
- [BCBSTX Preventive Care Guidelines \(PCGs\) , Clinical Practice Guidelines \(CPGs\)](#)
- [THSteps for Medical Providers](#)

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