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To: Maine Vaccines For Children Providers

From: Maine Immunization Program

Subject: Gardasil 9

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On Tuesday, May 19th, the Maine Vaccine Board voted to add Gardasil-9 to the list of vaccines that providers can order from the Maine Immunization Program. This vaccine will be available to order on June 1st. Providers will continue to have the availability to order HPV-4 in addition to the HPV-9.

It is important for providers to monitor usage and minimize wastage of HPV-4. With male patients it is strongly recommended to continue vaccinating with HPV-4 (as long as this formulation is available). HPV-2, HPV-4 and HPV-9 all protect against HPV 16 and 18, types that cause about 66% of cervical cancers and the majority of other HPV-attributable cancers in the United States. HPV-9 targets five additional cancer causing types, which account for about 15% of cervical cancers. HPV-4 and HPV-9 also protect against HPV 6 and 11, types that cause anogenital warts.

Administration:

- HPV-2, HPV-4 and HPV-9 are each administered in a 3-dose schedule.
 - The second dose is administered at least 1 to 2 months after the first dose,
 - The third dose at least 6 months after the first dose.
 - If the vaccine schedule is interrupted, the vaccination series does not need to be restarted.
- If providers do not know or do not have available the HPV product previously administered, or are in settings transitioning to HPV-9, any available HPV vaccine product may be used to continue or complete the series for females for protection against HPV 16 and 18; HPV-9 or HPV-4 may be used to continue or complete the series for males.

Should you have any questions regarding this please contact us at 287-3746.

As always, thank you for your commitment to keeping Maine's children free of vaccine preventable disease.