Line of Business: Medicaid  
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This policy has been developed through review of medical literature, consideration of medical necessity, generally accepted medical practice standards, and was approved by the IEHP Pharmacy and Therapeutics Subcommittee.

Background:  
Vaccination programs help build defenses against diseases and should be started early and carried out on a regular and routine basis.

Policy:  
- This policy applies to all IEHP Medi-Cal Members 18 years or older.
- Participating pharmacies should maintain a current and clear documentation log that includes the following information:
  - Member identification
  - Counseling materials provided
  - Member consent form
  - Time and date of administration
  - Manufacturer and lot information
- Participating pharmacies must maintain up-to-date certifications and training.
- Participating pharmacies need to enroll with the California Immunization Registry (CAIR).
- Participating pharmacies must comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- Vaccines dispensed at the pharmacy must meet all of the following criteria:
  - U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) labeled indication; and
  - Listed on the current year Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended Immunization Schedule.

Clinical Evidence:  
The ACIP/CDC has published recommendations for vaccines in the U.S. The following website provides guidance for vaccination administration, scheduling, education, precautions, contraindications, and specific vaccine information.
- http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/index.html
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