



# Provider Engagement HEDIS Best Practices and Monthly Topics

Molina Healthcare of Michigan (MHM) – August 2025

## Monthly Memo

**August is National Immunization Awareness Month.** National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. Together, we can help raise awareness about the importance of vaccination and encourage people to talk to a healthcare provider they trust about staying up to date on their vaccinations. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), everyone in healthcare practices play an important role during this month. Visit the recommended links to know more about this important observance.

- Engage in learning opportunities with CDC's Immunization Education and Training courses. [Immunization Education & Training | Vaccine Trainings | CDC.](#)
- Make your practice a supportive space that welcomes vaccine questions and concerns from patients and parents. [Foster Support for Vaccination in Your Practice | CDC.](#)
- Use proven strategies to encourage parents and patients to stay up to date on vaccinations. [Routine Immunizations on Schedule for Everyone \(RISE\) | Vaccines & Immunizations | CDC.](#)
- Make immunization schedules easy for parents and patients to find by displaying them on your website. [Vaccine Schedules | Childhood Vaccines | CDC](#) and [Syndicate Immunization Resources on Your Website | Vaccines & Immunizations | CDC.](#)
- Use tools like PnuemoRecs VaxAdvisors Mobile App to help you make vaccine recommendations. [PneumoRecs VaxAdvisor App for Vaccine Providers | Pneumococcal | CDC.](#)
- Share clear and accurate information about the latest vaccine recommendations, including COVID-19 vaccines and RSV vaccines. [COVID-19 Vaccination Clinical and Professional Resources | CDC](#) and [Healthcare Providers: RSV Vaccination for Adults 60 Years of Age and Over | CDC.](#)

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), vaccines are one of the most effective tools to keep children and adults healthy and communities safe. With disease on the rise across the country, staying on schedule with immunizations is more important than ever. It's important that all adults and parents of children connect with their health care providers, pharmacy or local health departments to make sure we are all protected on time, every time. To know more about Michigan Global immunization efforts, please visit [Global immunization efforts have saved at least 154 million lives over the past 50 years.](#)

## Additional Update

**National Health Center Week is August 3-9.** Every year, the National Association of Community Health Centers join with state primary care associations to showcase the work health centers do and deliver strong message nationwide for health centers and their patients. During this week, we celebrate those health centers that deliver high-quality, cost-effective, and accessible care across Michigan. Molina appreciates all Michigan Health Centers and their commitment to providing quality care to all their members. To know more about what health centers are having events in Michigan, please visit [Events.](#)

## August Focused Targets with Best Practices

Use appropriate billing codes to help capture targeted measures and reduce the need for chart reviews. Appropriate codes are available on the 2025 Molina HEDIS® Provider Manual.

### Adult Access to Care

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- Educate patients 20 years and older about the importance of annual preventive care and ambulatory services.
- Utilize visits to address chronic illnesses and capture other services. For instance, adult vaccinations.

**Adult Recommended Vaccines.** Adults are not current on the recommended vaccines that can prevent severe illness, like, seasonal influenza, pneumonia etc. Vaccines are safe and can decrease severe illnesses, emergency visits, and inpatient hospitalization. The recommended adult vaccines are:

- **Influenza:** Adults at highest risk are those over 65 years old, chronic health conditions, elevated BMI, pregnant women.
- **RSV:** Recommended for 60-74 years old with chronic condition and over 75 years old.
- **Pneumonia:** Now recommended for adults over 50 years old and for certain adults under 50 at high risk for severe illness.
- **Shingles:** Recommended for all healthy adults 50 years and older.
- **COVID-19:** Annual vaccination age 18 and older.

### Childhood Immunization Status

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- Use the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) and verify what immunizations are missing.
- Recommend immunizations to parents or caregivers as they are more likely to agree with vaccinations when supported by their provider.
- Address common misconceptions about vaccinations (e.g., now disproven MMR causes autism).
- Request if vaccines were given prior to members becoming Molina members and confirm in MCIR.
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-schedules/downloads/parent-ver-sch-0-6yrs.pdf>

### Well Care Visits

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- Prior to going back to school, make sure child and adolescent gets their checkup (well care visits and vaccines).
- Avoid missed opportunities by taking advantage of every office visit (included sick visits) to provide a well care visit, immunizations, lead screening and flu shot.
- Make a sport or day care physicals into well-care visits by performing the required services.
  - Note: a sick visit and well-care visit can be performed on the same day by adding a modifier 25 to the sick visit, and billing for the appropriate preventive visit. .