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Provider Education Consultant Spotlight

NAME: Tracy Brown

WHERE WERE YOU BORN? Milledgeville, Georgia

TITLE/RESPONSIBILITIES: Provider Relations and Education Consultant

YEARS WITH BLUE CROSS: Two in February

EDUCATION: Midlands Technical College, AAPC, Professional Coding

PART OF MY JOB I ENJOY MOST: I enjoy communicating with providers, advocating for them and knowing what I do helps us all work together more efficiently.

FAMILY/PETS: I have been happily married for 30 years, three children and 10 grandchildren. I have three fur babies.

BEST VACATION I EVER HAD: Really, there are too many to count. I love to camp, so any time we camped I considered that the best vacation ever.

HOBBIES/INTERESTS: I am an advocate for the Veterans of the United States. I enjoy community-based outreach, helping others and working with various veterans' causes. I am an advocate for the "bully dog" breeds, as they are so misunderstood.

FIRST CAR: Green five-speed Ford Pinto

MOST RECENT APP YOU DOWNLOADED: Waze for travel

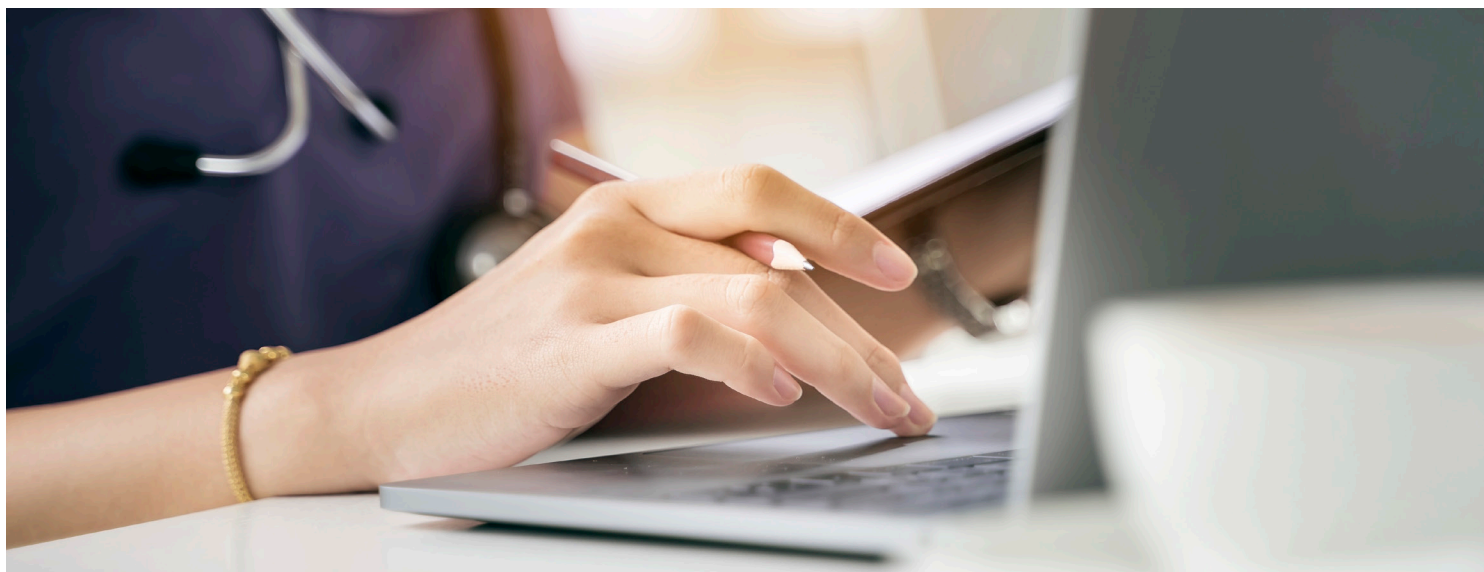
IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY SUPERPOWER, WHAT WOULD IT BE? The ability to be invisible.



New Dollar Threshold – Effective Jan. 1, 2020

The Commercial Markets Implementation Subcommittee (CMIS) approved further expansion of the dollar threshold requirement at its Aug. 28, 2019, meeting, lowering the dollar threshold for inpatient claims from the current \$250,000 to \$200,000, effective Jan. 1, 2020. No other changes were made to the existing HDPR policy requirements.





HEDIS Measurements: Immunizations

This quarter we are focusing on HEDIS measures for childhood and adolescent immunizations. Prevention is the best way to avoid illnesses and cancer. You can help our members — your patients — stay healthy with these vaccinations:

CIS: Childhood Immunization Status

About this measure

This measure assesses the percentage of children 2 years of age who had the following vaccines administered by their second birthday:

- Four diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (DTaP)
- Three polio (IPV)
- One measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)
- Three haemophilus influenza type B (HiB)
- Three hepatitis B (HepB)
- One chickenpox (VZV)
- Four pneumococcal conjugate (PCV)
- One hepatitis A (HepA)
- Two-series or three-series rotavirus (RV)
- Two influenza (flu)

Documentation Requirements

Documentation must include full vaccination history with administration dates and names of vaccines administered before the second birthday. Documentation of a seropositive test result must include the date of the test and results before the second birthday.

Documentation of illness (for MMR, hepatitis B, VZV or hepatitis A) must include a date of diagnosis before the second birthday.

What codes do I file?

- DTaP: 90698, 90700, 90721, 90723
- IPV: 90698, 90713, 90723
- MMR: 90707, 90710
- Measles: 90705
- Measles and rubella: 90708
- Rubella: 90706
- Mumps: 90704
- HiB: 90644, 90645, 90646, 90647, 90648, 90698, 90721, 90748
- Hep B: 90723, 90740, 90744, 90747,p 90748
- Hep A: 90633
- VZV: 90710, 90716
- Pneumococcal conjugate: 90670
- HCPCS: G0009
- Rotavirus: 90680, 90681
- Influenza: 90655, 90657, 90661, 90662, 90673, 90685, 90686, 90687, 90688
- HCPCS: G0008

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IMA: Immunizations for Adolescents

About This Measure

This measure assesses the percentage of adolescents 13 years of age who had:

- One dose of meningococcal vaccine
- One tetanus, diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine
- Completed the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine series by their 13th birthday

Documentation Requirements

- 1) Meningococcal serogroups A, C, W, Y: Documentation of at least one meningococcal serogroups A, C, W or Y vaccine with a date of service on or between the member's 11th and 13th birthdays.
- 2) Tdap: Documentation of at least one tetanus, diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine with a date of service on or between the member's 10th and 13th birthdays.
- 3) HPV: Documentation of at least two HPV vaccines with different dates of service on or between the member's ninth and 13th birthdays. There must be at least 146 days between the first and second dose of the HPV vaccine OR documentation of at least three HPV vaccines with different dates of service on or between the member's ninth and 13th birthdays.

What codes do I file?

You can submit up to 25 codes with any claim to help transmit this information to us. Additional coding allows us to close these opportunities based on claims without having to get records or compliance forms.

When filing claims, you can help improve our awareness of the services you provide related to immunizations for adolescents by using these adolescent immunizations codes:

- Meningococcal: 90734
- Tdap: 90715
- HPV: 90649, 90650, 90651

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Please verify eligibility and benefits before providing services. You can do this by using our secure provider portal, My Insurance ManagerSM, available at www.SouthCarolinaBlues.com or at www.BlueChoiceSC.com.



Your Newest Provider Education Consultant

Join us in welcoming our newest provider education consultant, Michaelia Johnson.

Michaelia started working for BlueCross in 2012 as part of the SCDHHS Medicaid contract as a temporary employee but made it a mission to excel and progress in the company. Within seven years, she's gained a wealth of knowledge about health care administration and continues to excel in whatever position she's in. She enjoys having a pivotal role in creating great working relationships with providers and resolving their issues. In her downtime she enjoys crocheting and cooking foods from different parts of the world.



Need to Get in Touch With Provider Relations and Education?

Provider advocates are always eager to assist you. If you have a training request, please contact your county's designated provider advocate by using the [Provider Advocate Training Request Form](#). For questions about an ongoing education initiative or a recent news bulletin, submit the [Provider Education Contact Form](#). These forms are located on the Provider Advocates page of our provider websites.



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