

# MHM HEALTHCARE, INC.

## QUALITY MANAGEMENT

<b>Topic:</b> Children Preventive Services	<b>DATE: 2/2025</b> <b>Revised:</b> <b>APPROVED BY QMC: <u>signature on file</u></b>
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### I SCOPE:

- A. This policy applies to all Members under the age of twenty-one (21).

### II POLICY:

- A. Primary Care Provider (PCP) must provide preventive health visits for all Members less than 21 years of age at times specified by the most recent Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule and anticipatory guidance as outlined in the Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule. Contractor must provide, as part of the periodic preventive visit, all age-specific assessments and services required by Bright Futures/AAP.
- B. Where a request is made for Children's preventive services by the Member, the Member's parent, legal guardian, or Authorized Representatives (ARs), or through a referral, an appointment must be made for the Member to have a visit within ten (10) Working Days of the request, unless Member declines a visit within ten (10) Working Days of the request and another appointment date is chosen by the Member.
- C. At each non-emergency Primary Care visit with a Member less than 21 years of age, the Member (if an emancipated minor), or the parent, legal guardian, or AR of the Member, must be advised of the Children's preventive services due and available from Contractor. Documentation must be entered into the Member's Medical Record which indicates the receipt of Children's preventive services in accordance with Bright Futures/AAP standards. If the services are refused, documentation must be entered into the Member's Medical Record which indicates the services were advised, and the Member's (if an emancipated minor), or the parent, legal guardian, or AR of the Member's voluntary refusal of these services.
- D. All Children's preventive services, including all confidential screening and billing reports for EPSDT screening, treatment, and Care Coordination, must be reported as part of the Encounter Data submittal required in Exhibit A, Attachment III, Subsection 2.1.2 (Encounter Data Reporting). Contractor must ensure appropriate acquisition for missed reporting of Children's preventive services.

### III PROCEDURE:

#### Immunizations for Children

- A. PCP shall ensure that all children receive necessary immunizations at the time of any health care visit. PCP shall cover and ensure the timely provision of vaccines in accordance with the most recent childhood immunization schedule and

recommendations published by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Documented attempts that demonstrate PCP's unsuccessful efforts to provide the immunization shall be considered sufficient in meeting this requirement.

- B. If immunizations cannot be given at the time of the visit, the Member must be instructed as to how to obtain necessary immunizations, or a scheduled and documented appointment must be made.
- C. Appropriate documentation shall be entered in the Member's medical Record that indicates all attempts to provide immunizations; the receipt of vaccines or proof of prior immunizations; or proof of voluntary refusal of vaccines in the form of a signed statement by the Member (if an emancipated minor) or the parent(s) or guardian of the Member. If the responsible party refuses to sign this statement, the refusal shall be noted in the Member's Medical Record.
- D. Upon Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval of any vaccine for childhood immunization purposes, IPA shall develop policies and procedures for the provision and administration of the vaccine. Such policies and procedures shall be developed within 60 calendar days of the vaccine's approval date. IPA shall cover and ensure the provision of the vaccine from the date of its approval regardless of whether or not the vaccine has been incorporated into the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. Policies and procedures must be in accordance with any Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service guidelines issued prior to the final ACIP recommendations.
- E. IPA shall provide information to all network providers regarding the Vaccine for Children (VFC) Program.
- F. PCP shall meet all current regulations for Children's Vaccine Storage.

#### **Screening for Chlamydia**

- A. The PCP shall screen all females age 24 years and younger, who have been determined to be sexually active, for Chlamydia. Follow-up of positive results must be documented in the medical record.
- B. PPG shall make reasonable attempts to contact the appropriately identified Members and provide screening for Chlamydia. All attempts shall be documented. Documented attempts that demonstrate the PCP's unsuccessful efforts to contact a member and screen for Chlamydia shall be considered evidence in meeting this requirement.
- C. If the Member refuses the screening, proof of voluntary refusal of the test in the form of a signed statement by the Member (if an emancipated minor) or the Parent(s) or guardian of the Member shall be documented in the Member's Medical Record. If the responsible party refuses to sign this statement, the refusal shall be noted in the member's Medical Record.