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The 2005 immunization schedule indicates recommendations for childhood immunizations. The schedule may be found at <http://www2a.cdc.gov/nip/>. The Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule was developed by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). State Medicaid agencies are required by Section 1905 (r) (1) of the Social Security Act to provide appropriate immunizations under the Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program, also known as the Healthy Children and Youth (HCY) Program, according to the ACIP schedule. This schedule is reviewed annually by the ACIP, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

No noted changes were found in the schedule for 2005.

Note: According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Missouri is an at-risk state for hepatitis A disease. Because of the incidence of disease, the ACIP recommends that all children eligible for **Vaccines for Children (VFC)** receive a hepatitis A vaccine.

Section IV of the HCY Screening guide states to follow the ACIP recommended immunization guidelines. Appropriate immunizations must be provided during a full HCY screening unless medically contraindicated or refused by the parent or guardian of the patient. The provider may bill for a full HCY screen if all other screening components are performed and it is documented in the medical record that the appropriate immunizations were not provided due to medically contraindicated or refusal by parent or guardian.

If someone other than the billing provider gives immunizations, it must be documented in the medical record that follow-up was completed or clearly documented that the immunizations were given. If vaccine is not available due to shortage it must be documented in child's medical record as, "vaccine not available." As the vaccine becomes available follow-up must be completed to ensure those children are immunized.

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- Medicaid Fee-for-Service
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