

To: All Participating Providers

Date: September 16, 2019

Subject: Hepatitis A Alert – Vaccinations for Prestige Members

Hepatitis A is on the rise in Florida counties. On August 1, 2019, the Florida Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees declared a public health emergency for the state of Florida.

Attached please find the Florida Department of Health provider alert on the Hepatitis A Virus (HAV). Please visit www.floridahealth.gov for complete resources. It is important to:

- understand who is at risk
- know how it spreads
- educate members on how to protect themselves

Effective August 1, 2019 to November 30, 2019 Prestige will cover one Hepatitis A vaccination for qualified members age 21 and over. Providers should bill CPT code 90632 for the vaccine and will be reimbursed a flat rate of \$67.55. Reimbursement will be limited to one vaccine per member.

Members can go to an in-network pharmacy to receive a single Hepatitis A vaccination without a prescription.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact network representative or Prestige Provider Services at **1-800-617-5727**.



Hepatitis A Virus (HAV)

Alert for Health Care Providers

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Protect

Vaccinate high-risk patients.

The HAV vaccine is given as 2 shots, 6 months apart. Patients will need both shots for the vaccine to work long-term.

Diagnosis is with confirmation of a serum IGM test. Report HAV cases to your CHD.

Treatment is supportive.

Prevention is through vaccination of at risk individuals.



Is Your Patient at High Risk for HAV?

At-risk people:

- Are in close contact, care for or live with someone who has HAV.
- Use injection or non-injection drugs.
- Are homeless or in temporary housing.
- Have recently been incarcerated.
- Are men who have had sex with other men.
- Have recently visited a country where HAV is common.
- Are having sex with someone who has HAV.



Symptoms:

- Stomach pain
- Nausea and vomiting
- Jaundice
- Diarrhea
- Loss of appetite
- Joint pain
- Pale or clay colored stool
- Fever
- Tired
- Dark-colored urine

Educate Patients

HAV:

- Spreads person-to-person from ingesting small amounts of fecal matter from a person with HAV.
- Sexual activity can spread HAV.
- People who are sick with HAV should avoid sexual contact.
- People who are at-risk should get vaccinated.

Wash hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds:

BEFORE THEY

- Prepare food, or work with food that isn't already packaged.

AFTER THEY

- Use the restroom.
- Change a diaper.
- Cough, sneeze or use a handkerchief or tissue.



ALCOHOL-BASED HAND SANITIZERS DON'T KILL HAV GERMS!

Do not:

SHARE

Towels, toothbrushes or eating utensils.

TOUCH

Food, drinks, drugs or cigarettes that have been handled by a person with HAV.

Share the need for vaccination with anyone you know who might be at risk.

Have questions? Like to learn more?

For more information, call the hepatitis A information line, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m, toll free: 1-844-CALL-DOH (844-225-5364).

Email: HepA@flhealth.gov.

Learn more:
FloridaHealth.gov/HepA
CDC.gov/Hepatitis
Immunize.org/Hepatitis-A

