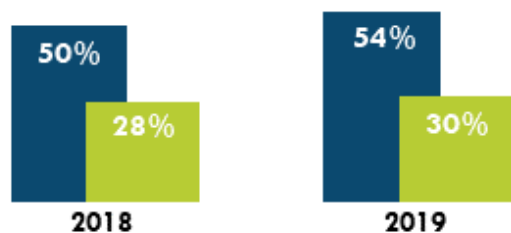


ASSESSMENT OF HPV VACCINATIONS IN CALIFORNIA & ACTION STEPS: HEALTH PLANS

HPV vaccine series **initiation** and **completion** for California's 13-year-olds remains far below the 80% goal.

Benchmark 80%



Source: Data was gathered for adolescents ages 9-13 from the California Immunization Registry (CAIR). CAIR is a secure, confidential, statewide computerized immunization information system for California residents. To learn more about CAIR, please visit cairweb.org.

KEY FINDINGS

- In 2019, 54% of adolescents in California had initiated the HPV vaccine series and only 30% had completed the HPV vaccine series by their 13th birthday
- Rural counties maintained the lowest rates of vaccination
- California counties with the highest historic rates of HPV-attributable cancers represent:
 - The Northern third of the state
 - More rural than urban counties
- HPV attributable cancers include cervical, oropharyngeal, anal, penile, vaginal, and vulvar cancers

HPV VACCINATION IS CANCER PREVENTION. THE HPV VACCINE SERIES SHOULD BE STARTED AT 9-12 YEARS, WHEN IT IS MOST EFFECTIVE.

ACTION STEPS FOR HEALTH PLANS

- ✓ Assess your health plan's current performance on the HEDIS adolescent immunization measure (IMA-2) and HPV single antigen coverage.
- ✓ Add on-time HPV vaccination or IMA-2 performance to Value Based Payment programs to incentivize provider performance.
- ✓ Use CAIR and claims data to routinely generate lists of your health plan's members who will turn 13 years of age but have not yet completed the HPV vaccine series. Outreach directly to these families and/or request the providers do so to invite them to the office to be immunized.
- ✓ Establish routine data exchanges between your health plan and CAIR. (See <http://cairweb.org/hedis/>.)
- ✓ Identify pediatric and family medicine providers in your network who are not yet uploading immunization data to CAIR, and work with them to begin to use CAIR. Note: DHCS requires Medi-Cal managed care health plans to ensure its providers use CAIR.

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