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Subject: Gardasil 9

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently approved Gardasil 9 (Human Papillomavirus 9-valent Vaccine, Recombinant) for the prevention of certain diseases caused by nine types of Human Papillomavirus (HPV). Gardasil 9 is not yet available through the Maine Immunization Program (MIP). Maine healthcare providers should continue vaccinating patients against HPV with the currently available quadrivalent Gardasil vaccine. MIP is not certain when Gardasil 9 will become available through the VFC program, so deferring vaccination in anticipation of its availability is discouraged. MIP will provide updates to healthcare providers about Gardasil 9 as they become available. Until then we encourage practices to use HPV4 and not to delay vaccination in anticipation of HPV9.

Should you have any questions regarding this please contact us at 287-3746.

As always, thank you for your commitment to keeping Maine's children free of vaccine preventable disease.