

Preventive Services and Immunizations	
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Background

Beginning in 2009, Community Health Plan will use the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force guidelines for all such services provided by CHP. (CHP anticipates that these guidelines will be updated at least annually.) The selection of such web-linked guidelines affords more optimal access for the provider network. In addition, they provide nationally-recognized, substantially evidence-based ratings that CHP uses in determining which services will be covered.

Please note that CHP is obligated to cover those services rated **either A or B** by the USPSTF.

In addition, CHP will use the CDC's regularly updated recommended immunization schedule in guiding the Plan's coverage decisions for such services.

It is also important to note that, despite the CDC's recommendations, there are benefit limitations that may affect coverage of specific vaccines under certain product lines that CHP offers. (*Please refer to each product line's Certificate of Coverage for more details.*)

Preventive Services

U.S. Preventative Services Task Force: The Guide to Clinical Preventive Services (2008)

<http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/pocketgd08/pocketgd08.pdf>

Immunizations

CDC: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/default.htm>