

# ProviderInsight®



Utah Edition May 2025

## Welcome!

Find medical, dental, and pharmacy information as well as program and plan updates for:

- Commercial
- Select Health Medicare
- Select Health Community Care<sup>®</sup> (Medicaid)
- Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB)

## Select Health

## In this Issue

SELECT HEALTH NEWS AND NETWORKS	2
Managing All Aspects of the Business	2
Compliance Matters	2
Get to Know Our Member Rights and Responsibilities	4
INTERMOUNTAIN HEALTH NEWS	5
Adding Lifestyle Interventions to GLP-1 Treatment: Intermountain's Way to Wellness Program	5
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS	6
Quality Provider Program (QPP): The Spring Gather & Grow Conference	6
Best Practices for Scheduling Well-Child Visits	6
PHARMACY	8
Use Surescripts® and CoverMyMeds® to Reduce Preauthorization Headaches	8
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	9
NovumHealth Can Help Utah Select Health Members Access Mental Health Care Quicker	9
Why Mental Health HEDIS Measures Matter to Your Practice	10
GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS (MEDICARE, MEDICAID, CHIP)	12
Utah Medicaid Now Covers Dental Care for Adults	12
Well-Child Visit Reminder Letters for Medicaid Members	12
PRACTICE MANAGEMENT RESOURCES	13
Immunization Updates and ACIP Highlights	13
Help Members Stay on Track with Breast Cancer Screenings	17
Early Preventive Screening for Colorectal Cancer	17
How Care Management Supports Your Practice	19
Navigate! How Can We Help You Today?	20

## Select Health News and Networks

## Managing All Aspects of the Business

Providing exceptional healthcare at a reasonable cost is a challenging venture. This is especially true as we continue to grow as a company. Select Health relies on you, our providers, to deliver great care while we work hard to make the process as simple and easy as possible, so your team can continue to focus on what you do best.

Jon Griffith, Chief Operations Officer for Select Health, recently said "Select Health has made several improvements to continue as a best-in-class health plan and prepare for the future." Some of these improvements for providers relate to significant upgrades to our provider portal and our website interface. The good news is that these upgrades are nearly ready to launch network-wide, which will greatly enhance all provider's ability to get the information and support they need with less effort.

In terms of growing our network, Select Health currently operates in four states: Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, and Utah, each of which has different rules for expansion. "Each state has specific regulations and guidelines Select Health follows in order to operate in these states," Griffith said. "As we think about our plans for growth, understanding these complex parameters is crucial to

our serving prospective providers better. The more we can facilitate the process of joining the network, the better it is for new providers entering the system.

Jason Eckersley, AVP of Business Development and Strategy said, "We're optimistic that health insurance will become a seamless part of the overall health care experience. We envision an even stronger connection with providers, allowing this collaboration to manage care and costs in a way that supports success for all involved." Eckersley continued, "We all choose to work in the health insurance industry because we're passionate about creating positive health outcomes. There's a lot of promise on the horizon as far as medical development and technology and our goal is to stay ahead of this in a responsible and innovative way to help providers bring these developments to our members."

By continuing to work closely with our providers, Select Health can remain competitive in delivering exceptional healthcare at a reasonable cost, while growing the business.

Thank you for the service you provide for our members!

## Compliance Matters

Compliance requirements center on ensuring:

- Accurate provider demographic information
- Equal access for those with disabilities
- Fraud, waste, and abuse training attestations

Contact your Provider Relations representative if you have questions or have not previously provided a preferred email address needed for the following required attestations.

#### PROVIDER DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION **ATTESTATION**

Per CMS and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, practitioners are required quarterly to attest and update their demographic information.

Select Health provides for these attestations via a quarterly Qualtrics survey sent to your email inbox.

Continued on page 3...





Effective **July 1, 2025**, if a provider offers telehealth services, it will be indicated in the provider directory. Learn more.

#### 2. EQUAL ACCESS FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES

When you update your information in your quarterly demographic attestation, please update the specific ADA accommodations offered for those with disabilities along with your clinic location to specify whether your location is meeting the ADA standards.

Per CMS (42 CFR 438.206a), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, these standards require healthcare providers to provide individuals with disabilities full and equal access to their healthcare services and facilities.

Learn more about these standards.

#### 3. FRAUD/WASTE/ABUSE (FWA) TRAINING **ATTESTATIONS**

Per CMS Medicare Managed Care Manual Ch. 21 (50.3.2), practitioners who work for an organization accepting funding from Medicare or any government agency are required to:

- Participate in FWA training
- Attest that compliant training has been completed in the first 90 days of contract/hire date and annually thereafter. Access the online attestation form.

**NOTE**: Using the previously required, CMS-issued content is no longer mandatory; however, this training is still available as an option.

#### **PROVIDER SURVEY TIMELINES**

June 2025: Annual Provider and Clinic Manager

**Experience Surveys** 

**July 2025: Annual After Hours Survey** 

**Quarterly: Provider Demographic Attestations** 

In addition, Select Health offers access to required and suggested training encouraged by regulatory bodies as follows:

#### 1. CULTURAL SENSITIVITY TRAINING

Per NCQA (QI, Element E, Factor 2) and CMS (42 CFR 438.10), practitioners are required to complete cultural competency/sensitivity training. Select Health offers a **brief**, **online training** that complies with this requirement in the education area of our website.

#### 2. QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES (QMBs)

This Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) program helps low-income Medicare beneficiaries by:

- Paying for their premiums, deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance
- Prohibiting billing for Medicare A/B deductibles and cost sharing
- Not discriminating against or refusing service because they are protected from paying cost sharing.

Learn more about CMS requirements for QMBs.

Questions about compliance? Contact your Provider Relations representative at provider.development@selecthealth.org.



## Get to Know Our Member Rights and Responsibilities

It is important that all caregivers understand the rights and responsibilities of Select Health members. Please become familiar with the following Select Health Member Rights and Responsibilities statement. This is meant as a general overview for all provider offices.

#### As a Member, you have the right to:

- Receive information about our services, providers, and members' rights and responsibilities.
- Receive considerate, courteous care and treatment with respect for personal privacy and dignity.
- Receive accurate information regarding your rights and responsibilities and benefits in member materials and through telephone contact.
- Be informed by your provider about your health so they may make thoughtful decisions before you receive treatment.
- Candidly discuss with your healthcare provider appropriate or medically necessary treatment options for your condition, regardless of cost or benefit coverage. We do not have policies that restrict dialogue between provider and patient, and we do not direct providers to restrict information regarding your treatment options.
- Have reasonable access to appropriate medical services regardless of race, religion, nationality, disability, sex, or sexual orientation; and 24-hour access to urgent and emergency care.
- Receive care provided by or be referred by your primary care provider.
- Have all medical records and other information kept confidential.
- Have all claims paid accurately and in a timely manner.
- Make recommendations regarding the organization's member rights and responsibilities policy.

#### As a Member, you have the responsibility to:

- Treat all our providers and personnel at Select Health courteously.
- Read all plan materials carefully as soon as you enroll and ask questions when necessary.
- Ask questions and make certain you understand the explanation and instructions you are given.
- Understand the benefits of your plan and understand not all recommended medical treatment is eligible for coverage.
- Follow plans and instructions for care that have been agreed upon with the provider.
- Express constructively your opinions, concerns, and complaints to the appropriate people at Select Health.
- Follow the policies and procedures of your plan, and when appropriate, seek a referral from your primary care provider to Select Health providers or call Select Health for assistance.
- Communicate openly with your healthcare provider, develop a patient-provider relationship based on trust and cooperation, and participate in developing mutually agreed-upon treatment goals.
- Read and understand your plan benefits and limitations, and call us with any questions.
- Keep scheduled appointments or give adequate notice of cancellation.
- Obtain services consistently according to the policies and procedures of your plan.
- Provide all pertinent information needed by your provider to assess your condition and recommend treatment.
- Use our providers when applicable, carry your ID card, and pay copay/coinsurance amounts at the time of service.

Access all member rights and responsibilities statements online.





## Intermountain Health News

## Adding Lifestyle Interventions to GLP-1 Treatment: Intermountain's Way to Wellness Program

While GLP-1 receptor agonists (GLP-1 RAs) have emerged as powerful tools for weight loss and glycemic control, their effectiveness can be enhanced when combined with lifestyle interventions, such as the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP). This dual approach not only has the potential to improve metabolic outcomes, but also fosters long-term, sustainable lifestyle change and can reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes beyond the duration of pharmacotherapy.<sup>1,2</sup>

Way to Wellness (W2W), Intermountain Health's-Diabetes Prevention Program, can provide support, help answer questions, and remove the uncertainty that often comes with making lifestyle changes.\* This yearlong program, formerly known as Weigh to Health, can help adults improve their healthy habits, assist weight loss efforts, and prevent type 2 diabetes.

Classes are available in Utah, Idaho, Colorado, and Nevada. Led by our expert registered dietitian nutritionists

(RDNs), we provide the expert support needed to help patients achieve their health goals.3 Sessions cover a variety of topics, including healthy cooking, stress management, meal planning, physical activity, and



more. These RDNs are trained to work with individuals on their own unique wellness journey, whether this includes GLP-1s, weight loss surgery, or lifestyle changes alone.

#### **HOW TO ENROLL**

Way to Wellness can help support many of your patients. Enrolling is easy:

- Patients can call **801-507-2400** or email waytowellness@imail.org to sign up.
- You can also refer them to our website or send a referral through iCentra ("Weigh to Health").
- Many commercial insurance providers, including Select Health, cover this program as a preventative benefit upon completion (please call insurance provider to confirm coverage).

#### **REFERENCES**

- 1. Boyd K, Medeiros KL, Kramer D, et al. Metabolic health and weight loss outcomes from a combined GLP-1 medication and ILI program at scale. Presentation at Obesity Week, October 14-17, 2023, Abstract Oral 0-69. Retrieved from Cleveland Clinic: https:// www.ccjm.org/page/obweek-2023/GLP-1-weight-loss#:~:text=Combining%20glucagon%2Dlike%20peptide%201,5%2C6
- 2. Temprosa M. Diabetes Prevention Program Outcomes Study (DPPOS) (Version 6) [Dataset] NIDDK Central Repository. 2024. https:// doi.org/10.58020/66×5-8y21. Accessed April 9, 2025.
- 3. Storzo GA, Gordon NF, Peeke PM, Moore M. Health and well-being coaching adjuvant to GLP-1 induced weight loss. Am J Lifestyle Med. 2024. Retrieved from <a href="https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC11577329/">https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC11577329/</a>



## **Quality Improvement Programs**

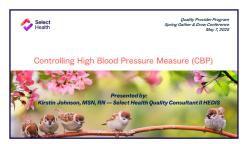
## Quality Provider Program (QPP): The Spring Gather & Grow Conference

Held on **May 7, 2025**, the QPP spring conference featured sessions on program updates, colorectal cancer screening, controlling blood pressure, and social determinants of health (SDoH). These conferences provide an opportunity for us to review program updates, share best practice, and connect clinics to discuss common barriers and solutions.

Conference materials and presentations are available online in the **QPP Training area** or by clicking the linked images below. You can find the full video of the conference online as well.







## Best Practices for Scheduling Well-Child Visits

Well-child visits offer an opportunity to monitor a child's overall health and development, ensure they receive vaccinations, detect and prevent health problems, and promote healthy habits. These visits are important for all children ages 0–21, including those with special needs or chronic physical or mental health conditions.

#### **ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO SCHEDULE VISITS**

Best practices you can implement to encourage parents to schedule their child's well exam include:

- Educating patients and families about the value of well visits. Make a strong recommendation for yearly exams when counseling parents. Some examples of what you could say include:
  - "Seeing you every year for your child's wellness check is important to me. Even if they are healthy and doing well, I want to ensure your family has the support they need at every different stage of life. Please make sure we schedule your next visit before you leave the office."
  - "We'd like to save you a spot on my schedule for next year's well-child exam. Please make sure to

- schedule now so we get you the appointment that works best for your schedule."
- "Wellness visits are such important visits to us. Please be sure to schedule [patient's name] for their next wellness visit so that we have it planned for next year. If you ever need to reschedule, you are welcome to call the clinic to do so."1
- Discuss scheduling a well-care visit for unscheduled patients when they check-in for any appointment.<sup>2</sup>
- Use opt-out language when scheduling. For example, you could say, "Let's get your child scheduled for their well-care visit. Our next available appointment is\_\_\_\_\_\_," instead of, "Would you like to schedule your next well visit?"<sup>3</sup>
- Parents may try to schedule appointments during work breaks. Keep hold times and office wait times as short as possible.<sup>2</sup>
- Consider offering well-care appointments outside of standard business hours in the evenings or on weekends.<sup>3</sup>



Continued on page 7...

#### Quality Improvement Programs, Continued

- Include a self-scheduling link or phone number to contact the scheduling desk when using text messaging or email.2
- Contact unestablished/inactive patients with a genuine interest in their well-being, and encourage them to set up an appointment for needed/overdue care.

Making it easy for parents to schedule appointments will help them access the care they need and improve their patient experience. Give them multiple opportunities to

schedule their next annual exam before they leave the office. Guide them toward low-volume blocks in your appointment calendar for more booking options.2

Select Health's flexible policy on the timeframe between visits helps clinics and families with scheduling (i.e., 365 days is not required between well-child exams). Figure 1 below details the allowed frequency associated with well-visit codes.

Figure 1. Well-Child Visit Frequency

HCPCS/CPT Codes	ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes	Frequency	
Pediatric (0−21 years)			
Examination/Counseling			
99381, 99382, 99383, 99384, 99385, 99391, 99392, 99393, 99394, 99395	Z00.00, Z00.01, Z00.121, Z00.129	No limit from birth to age 12; every 275 days from ages 12 to 21	

<sup>\*</sup>This table combines two sections, Pediatric (birth to age 18) and Adult (age 18 and older).4

#### **REFERENCES**

- 1. Intermountain Health. WCC Scheduling Best Practices. Internal document.]
- 2. Washington Department of Health; Washington State Medicaid MCOs' Collaborative PIP. Tips to Increase Well-Care Visits for Children of All Ages. DOH 141-072. December 2022. https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2022-12/141-072-TipstoRaiseRateWellCareVisits.pdf. Accessed May 2, 2025.
- 3. Partners for Kids. Top 10 Best Practices to Improve Well-Care Visit Compliance by Patients and Families. 2018. https://partnersforkids.org/wp-content/ uploads/2018/03/Top-10-Best-Practices-to-Improve-Well-Care.pdf. Accessed May 2, 2025.
- 4. Select Health. Coding and Reimbursement Policy: Preventive Care and Screening Guidelines. 2025. https://files.selecthealth.cloud/api/public/content/ <u>preventive\_care\_services\_flyer.pdf</u>. Accessed May 7, 2025.



## Pharmacy

## Use Surescripts® and CoverMyMeds® to Reduce **Preauthorization Headaches**

Select Health and Scripius accept Electronic Prior Authorization (EPA) requests for prescription preauthorization via Surescripts® and CoverMyMeds®. EPA offers several benefits for healthcare providers and patients:

- 1. Faster Processing: You and your patients will experience reduced turnaround times (compared to manual faxes or phone calls). Immediate digital transmission improves medication access, compliance, and patient experience.
- 2. Improved Accuracy: Using automated form completion with a patient's (Electronic Health Record) EHR data reduces errors compared to manual entry. Standardized formats help to minimize miscommunication and rework and boost patient safety.
- 3. Increased Efficiency: EPA eliminates repetitive tasks and paperwork for prescribers, office staff, and

- pharmacy staff. This effectiveness frees up time for clinical care instead of administrative follow-up.
- 4. Better Patient Outcomes: Faster preauthorization means patients can start needed medications sooner and can reduce treatment abandonment due to preauthorization barriers.
- 5. Enhanced Communication: You and your office receive real-time updates on preauthorization status. Integrated EPA systems allow for easier tracking of approvals, denials, or requests for more information.
- 6. Cost Savings: Digital submissions reduce administrative burden, associated costs, and unnecessary prescriptions that don't meet formulary requirements.

For questions about online submissions via Surescripts or CoverMyMeds, contact your electronic medical record (EMR) provider.



## **Behavioral Health**

## NovumHealth Can Help Utah Select Health Members Access Mental Health Care Quicker

Effective January 1, 2025, NovumHealth became a contracted vendor of Select Health, providing behavioral health management and care coordination functions for fully insured members in Utah.\*

These **no-cost support services** will be rolled out over time, letting providers and members benefit from such services as centralized 24/7 scheduling, dedicated crisis stabilization program, and wraparound care capabilities for vulnerable populations.

NovumHealth is a stand-alone behavioral health service offered to most Select Health members in Utah. Their services:

- Are in addition to all existing behavioral health benefits and coverages the qualifying member has
- Do not replace any state-sponsored behavioral health services or emergency services
- Focus on community-based solutions, such as:
  - Care navigators to help patients manage transitions
  - Community liaisons to facilitate wraparound services
  - Community-based network access to those providers with the highest quality ratings

Select Health will continue to manage its behavioral health network of providers including claims payment, contracting, and similar functions.

#### WHAT SERVICES WILL NOVUMHEALTH PROVIDE?

NovumHealth's key functions will be:

- Facilitating quicker behavioral health appointment setting and care management
- Embedding discharge counselors to coordinate outpatient care

#### Who is NovumHealth?

NovumHealth started a decade ago as Nevada Behavioral Health (NBH), leveraging extensive experience in the Nevada care market to develop a comprehensive, population-health driven model. Their mission is to drive successful outcomes by addressing diverse needs, improving access to care, and bridging gaps in service. NovumHealth currently supports behavioral health management in Nevada, Utah, California, and Arizona.

- Providing rapid response mobile assessors to support membership in inpatient and emergency department care settings
- Aligning provider network incentives with quality outcome scores

This approach ensures that Select Health members receive timely, appropriate services across the continuum of care. By coordinating with Select Health, NovumHealth helps us minimize reliance on hospitalization, crisis intervention, and law enforcement—ultimately leading to better care outcomes for members and more support for providers.

#### **HOW CAN MEMBERS ACCESS THESE SERVICES?**

Members can access NovumHealth through Member Advocates at 800-538-5038, or directly at **801-669-8176**. They may also be referred to NovumHealth through their provider.

Questions? Contact Provider Development at provider.development@selecthealth.org.

<sup>\*</sup>Currently, NovumHealth benefits do not apply to self-funded or DSNP membership.



## Why Mental Health HEDIS Measures Matter to Your Practice

You know the challenge: Your calendar is full this week, but you have a regular client who has an urgent need for an appointment. Perhaps they have had a relapse following an inpatient stay or emergency department visit. Perhaps they have "dropped off the radar" following a mental health crisis. Whatever the reason, outcomes and your ability to deliver the most effective care can be compromised with added client needs. Is there a way to keep these patients out of crisis and avoid burnout for you and your colleagues?

Many behavioral health practices are not set up for participation in health plan quality measures programs such as the National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA) Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) Measures. Lack of implementation typically stems from a lack of available staff and time, reimbursement structures, integration with electronic healthcare records (EHR) systems, etc. However, learning about and using the tools these programs offer can significantly improve your clients' outcomes and help you more effectively manage your practice.

HEDIS results have the potential to:

- Inspire insurance companies to adjust provider networks based on HEDIS scores
- Influence patients to choose providers with highperformance scores
- Drive policymakers to guide and drive healthcare reforms and improvements using this data

Select Health gathers data from a variety of sources, such as medical records, claims, and patient surveys, for regulatory compliance reporting and to drive improvements in the behavioral health care plans for our members. Our **Quality Provider Program (QPP)** works with participating clinics to develop robust programs for improving quality measures and patient outcomes.

#### **USING HEDIS MEASURES AS A PRACTICE MANAGEMENT TOOL**

HEDIS data can be used to identify areas for improvement in care delivery and to track progress over time. For busy behavioral health providers, consistent measurement helps reveal patterns (whether a patient is worsening, stagnating or improving.) Most important, patients and clinicians work together to determine if a treatment approach is effective, or if it needs to be adjusted.

Using HEDIS follow-up measures as a practice management tool can be very important for:

- Continuity of Care: Those receiving behavioral health care in high-intensity settings, particularly for substance use disorder, are especially vulnerable to losing contact with the healthcare system after discharge.
- Preventing Relapse: Timely follow-up care is critical for preventing relapse and insuring ongoing treatment and management.
- Improving Outcomes: Lack of timely follow-up can result in negative outcomes such as continued substance use, relapse, high utilization of intensive care services, and even death.
- Enhancing Communication and Engagement: With concrete data, providers can more easily discuss why changing medications or intensifying support can improve a patient's mental health as well as treatment progress and goals.

#### WHAT ARE THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HEDIS **MEASURES THAT SELECT HEALTH TRACKS?**

HEDIS measures we track focus on when a patient experiences an intensive level of care for a mental health and/or substance use diagnosis as a hospital inpatient or an emergency department (ER) visit. Appointments

...Continued on page 11



#### Behavioral Health, Continued

may be in person or using telehealth/telemental health/ virtual visits. Criteria include:

- Seeing the patient within 1-7 days of **discharge** for mental health follow-up and ensuring that a patient has an appointment within 30 days of discharge **IF** a situation arises where a patient is unable to be seen within 7 days. NOTE: For those discharged from a facility with a primary substance use disorder diagnosis, the time is **0-7 days**.
- Including mental health or substance use disorder diagnosis codes on the claim, as appropriate
- Contacting patients to reschedule missed follow-up appointments
- For those with a primary substance use disorder **diagnosis**, referring patients for supportive therapy with a substance use provider

#### TOOLS TO HELP YOU INTEGRATE QUALITY FOLLOW-**UP MEASURES INTO YOUR PRACTICE**

We want to help you take the long view about preventing mental health crises relapse with broadening our requirements for telehealth visits and providing tools to support your practice. Even if you are not part of the

Mental Health QPP program Select Health offers, you can use the materials we provide to help in your own practice. Access these guides and frequently asked questions (FAQs) below for more information:

- 2025 Mental Health Measures Booklet and Quick Guide
- Best Practice Guide
- Social Determinants of Health FAOs
- Follow-up After ED or Hospital Discharge FAQs
- Select Health Medical Policy #241 (starting on page 29 of the **Behavioral Health Policies booklet**)

#### Interested in participating in the Select Health Mental Health Quality Provider Program\*?

Learn more by watching this video or contacting your Provider Development representative at provider.development@selecthealth.org.

\*(Currently available in Utah only)



## Government Programs (Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP)

#### Utah Medicaid Now Covers Dental Care for Adults

Starting April 1, 2025, adults enrolled in Medicaid have coverage for dental services. Covered dental services may include:

- Check-ups, x-rays, and cleanings every 6 months
- Tooth restoration for both front and back teeth
- Root canal treatment
- Tooth removal
- Dentures or partial dentures
- Emergency exams for sudden and severe tooth pain
- Crowns

To find a dentist, members can:

- 1. Call **1-866-608-9422** and talk to a Medicaid Health Program representative.
- 2. Visit <a href="https://medicaid.utah.gov/uusod">https://medicaid.utah.gov/uusod</a> to view the full Medicaid dental provider list.

Questions? Contact Provider Development at provider.development@selecthealth.org.



#### Well-Child Visit Reminder Letters for Medicaid Members

This year, Select Health is working to decrease the number of children aged 3-17 with Medicaid who have not had a primary care visit within the last 12 months.

Using Select Health's risk stratification tool, we will be sending letters to member parents/guardians about the importance of well-care visits. This narrow focus targets members:

- Missing a PCP visit within the last 12 months
- Having one or more chronic conditions
- Living in a small, mid-size, or large city

As a result of this risk stratification, 297 members' parents/guardians will receive a letter that states:

"Children with chronic medical conditions often visit specialists to get targeted care. These visits are important. However, these specialists may not be tracking your child's overall health. A well-child check is a chance to meet with your child's primary care provider (PCP). A PCP may be a pediatrician or family medicine doctor who tracks your child's overall health and well-being."

The letter gives the parents/guardians the following call to action:

"We encourage you to schedule a well-child visit with your child's PCP. During these visits, your child can get recommended vaccines and screenings. Their PCP can chart their growth, milestones, and behavior. These visits are also a great time to ask questions about your child's health. The best part? They're covered 100% on your Medicaid plan."

As an additional resource, the letter will suggest up to three clinics close to the members' homes. If your clinic receives calls based on this letter, please try to accommodate the members' PCP needs.



## Practice Management Resources

## Immunization Updates and ACIP Highlights

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) met on April 15-16, 2025, for its triennial vaccine meeting, rescheduled from February 2025.

Figure 2 below and on the next page summarizes the votes, key guidance, evaluations, and discussions from these meetings related to meningococcal, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), human papilloma virus (HPV), and other vaccines.

Learn more by accessing:

- Related details (vaccine evidence presented, committee discussion, and votes) for each recommendation summarized in Figure 2 (and for previous updates) can be found on the Select Health Provider Tools area of our website under ACIP Meeting Updates.
- Archived meeting minutes and slides are available on the ACIP meeting website (click on "Meeting Materials").
- COVID vaccine recommendations are available on the CDC's Clinical Considerations website.

Figure 2. Vaccines Guidance Summary

VOTES TO RECOMMEND AND APPROVE		
MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINES	Meningococcal ABCWY combination pentavalent vaccine Penmenvy® (GSK) may be used when Men ACWY and Men B are indicated at the same visit. This applies to persons ages:	
	<ul> <li>10 years and older at increased risk of meningococcal disease</li> <li>16-23 years when use of Men B vaccine has been chosen after shared clinical decision making</li> </ul>	
	Penmenvy® is FDA approved for ages 10-25 years.	
RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV) VACCINES ADULTS	ACIP expanded the age when adults at increased risk of severe RSV disease should receive a single lifetime dose of RSV vaccine from 60-74 years down to 50-74 years. Abrysvo® and Arexvy® are FDA approved in these ages with anticipated FDA approval of mResvia® for the newly recommended ages 50-59 years in <b>June 2025</b> .	
CHIKUNGUNYA	Recommendations for Bavarian Norda's virus-like particle (VLP) vaccine (VIMKUNYATM™) are for:	
VACCINES	<ul> <li>Laboratory workers with potential for exposure to chikungunya virus</li> <li>Persons ages 12 years and older traveling to a location where there is a chikungunya outbreak</li> <li>Consideration for those traveling or taking up residence for 6 months or longer in locations with elevated risk</li> </ul>	
	A precaution in persons ages 65 years and older has been added to the recommendation of Valneva's live-attenuated vaccine (IXCHIQ™) due to severe adverse events identified in post-marketing surveillance. IXCHIQ™ is approved for laboratory workers and travelers ages 18 and older.	
VOTES PLANNED FOR JUNE 2025		
INFLUENZA VACCINES	Updates to the 2025-2026 ACIP Influenza vaccine statement.	
COVID-19 VACCINES	Recommended use of the 2025–2026 COVID-19 vaccine formula, including the new Moderna mRNA – 1283 lower dose (10mcg/0.2mL) vaccine, for persons ages 12 and older and a potential risk-based rather than universal recommendation .	

Continued on page 14...



Figure 2. Vaccines Guidance Summary, Continued

RSV MATERNAL/ PEDIATRIC	Clesrovimab RSV monoclonal for all infants younger than 8 months.
MENINGOCOCCAL ACWY	Expanded age for Menquadfi to infants 6 weeks to 2 years pending FDA anticipated approval in <b>May 2025</b> . When administered to this age, Menquadfi had a non-inferior immune response but more febrile/non-febrile seizures, serious adverse events, and deaths that were concerning to ACIP.
HUMAN PAPPILOMA VIRUS (HPV) VACCINE	Routine recommendation for ages 9 through 12 years; recommendation of 1-dose schedule for age 9 through 14 years; still considering number of doses for those 15 and older.
PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINES	Updated clinical guidance wording for use of pneumococcal vaccines in pregnant persons and haematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) patients.
MPOX VACCINE	Recommendation for 2 doses (1 month apart) of JYNNEOS Mpox vaccine in adolescents ages 12–17 years at risk during an outbreak—recommendation for this age during an outbreak has more committee support than for at-risk adolescents not during an outbreak because:  • To substantially reduce the risk of outbreaks, 50% of the at-risk population needs to be vaccinated with at least 1 dose.  • JYNNEOS is more immunogenic in adolescents compared to adults, but is a reactogenic vaccine with similar systemic and localized reactions to adults.

	NO VOTE: EVALUATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS
U.S. MEASLES UPDATE	The 2025 measles outbreak has been concentrated in Texas with related cases in nearby states, Canada, and Mexico. Cases have been identified in half of U.S. states, with 97% of cases being unvaccinated and 11% of cases hospitalized with some measles-related deaths. CDC has provided technical assistance to states, deployed additional vaccine doses to health departments, and provided laboratory support and health alert provider outreach.
INFLUENZA VACCINES	Strains have been chosen for the 2025–2026 influenza vaccine, which include a new Influenza A/H3N1 component.
	Influenza A predominated in the 2024–2025 season, with less than 3% of the specimens tested resulting Influenza B. Vaccine effectiveness (VE) results for the 2024–2025 influenza season from the US Flu VE, NVSN, and VISION networks were (range shows difference in VE between networks):  • Pediatric Outpatient: 32–60%
	Pediatric Inpatient: 63-78%
	Adult Outpatient: 36-54%
	• Adult Inpatient: 41-55%
	Self/caregiver-administered FluMist will be available to commercially insured persons in the 2025–2026 season. It will be adjudicated and administered through a central online pharmacy. Patients will answer screening questions for eligibility determination. Vaccine will be shipped to patient's home for arrival at a date chosen by the patient. After delivery, storage of vaccine is limited to 12 hours out of refrigerator. Patients will report administration of vaccine by text to the online pharmacy, which will report administration to state vaccine registries.



Continued on page 15...

Figure 2. Vaccines Guidance Summary, Continued

#### **OTHER VACCINES:** COVID-19

Review of VE for the 2024-2025 COVID-19 formula vaccine from COVID-NET (ED/Urgent Care: 33% in adults, 35% in persons 65+; Hospital Inpatient: 45-46% in all persons 65+, 40% in immunocompromised persons 65+)

Noted that Pfizer's candidate COVID vaccine, mRNA-1283, elicits higher immune response compared to SPIKEVAX. Anticipated availability is fall of 2025.

Listed current concerns about COVID-19 Workgroup's proposed risk-based recommendation, including:

- One in five children and adolescents hospitalized for COVID-19 are admitted to the ICU with 41% of these having no underlying medical condition.
- One in five adults hospitalized for COVID-19 were admitted to the ICU. Adults ages 65+ comprise 68% of adults hospitalized with COVID-19.
- A 2023 survey estimated that 9.2 million adults have had long COVID.
- Seventy-four percent of adults have at least one condition that puts them at higher risk for severe disease, which caused committee members to question why a risk-based recommendation would be necessary in a high incidence population.

#### **OTHER VACCINES: RSV MATERNAL/ PEDIATRIC**

Discussed a second long-acting monoclonal antibody to protect infants against RSV. Although Clesrovimab (Merck) is not yet approved by the FDA, it has a target action date of June 10, **2025**, and:

- Recommendation is only for infants <8 months of age and would not be indicated for second year administration to higher-risk infants. NOTE: Clesrovimab and nirsevimab recommendations would be the same with no preference expressed for infants ages <8 months.
- Dosage is 105mg/0.7mL, intramuscular single injection with no difference in dose by infant
- Storage requirements are at refrigerator temperature with a maximum of 48 hours at room temperature.
- Efficacy against RSV appears to be sustained although the half-life for Clesrovimab is shorter than for nirsevimab (42 vs. 71 days).

#### **OTHER VACCINES: HUMAN PAPILLOMA-VIRUS (HPV)**

There are 37,800 HPV-attributable cancers in the U.S. each year. In the 19 years since HPV vaccine licensure, we have seen high vaccine efficacy, high population impact, and strong herd immunity effect from the vaccine program. Quadrivalent HPV vaccine-type prevalence has declined 85% among 14- to 24-year-old, sexually experienced females from the pre-vaccine era

ACIP reviewed studies examining a 1-dose vaccine schedule. Review results included:

- Sixty-seven (67) countries have adopted a 1-dose schedule for some ages.
- The KEN SHE randomized control trial of young women ages 15-20 given 1 dose of HPV vaccine showed 98% VE for HPV types 16/18 with 36-month duration of protection.
- In the IARC-India trial of girls 10-18 who had received 1 dose, VE was 92% against HPV 16/18 with a median follow-up time of 12 years.
- A Costa Rica study showed **99.4% seropositivity** 16 years after vaccination of women ages 18-24 years with 1 dose of HPV vaccine. Small decreases in antibody GMC were seen, but modeling of pooled studies estimates lifelong protection at best case and 25-year protection at worst case.

Continued on page 16...



Figure 2. Vaccines Guidance Summary, Continued

OTHER VACCINES: HUMAN PAPILLOMA- VIRUS (HPV), CONTINUED	Models switching to 1-dose HPV vaccination project similar reductions in HPV and cervical cancer incidence when compared to continuing with 2 doses in the U.S. Outstanding questions informing a 1-dose schedule include protection against cancer of sites other than cervix as well as efficacy and immunogenicity in males, those who are immunocompromised, and older age groups.  The ACIP does not plan to change the recommendation that immunocompromised persons receive a 3-dose series. Also, it will not change recommendation for shared clinical decision making for persons ages 27 through 45 years, although the recommended number of doses may change.  Currently in the U.S., 5.7% of HPV vaccines are initiated at ages 9–10. Stakeholders have asked ACIP to modify its recommendation wording. Changing the wording of vaccine initiation age to a routine recommendation for ages 9–12 would allow information systems to more readily program clinician prompts to start the series at age 9 rather than age 11, which may increase series completion by age 13 years. A change in wording would align the ACIP's recommendations more closely to those of the AAP and American Cancer Society. Some adolescent stakeholders are concerned that starting the HPV vaccine earlier could weaken the adolescent visit platform, but since the meningococcal vaccine series initiation age may also change, that may not be an important factor.  Votes for both recommendation changes are anticipated for the June 2025 meeting.
OTHER VACCINES: CYTOMEGALO- VIRUS (CMV)	Congenital Cytomegalovirus (cCMV) infection occurs in 4.5 per 1,000 live births in the U.S. (16,000 births per year), resulting in 3,000 with cCMV disease. It is the most common cause of birth defects in the U.S. and causes 80 neonatal deaths per year. Most newborns with cCMV infection have no clinical signs at birth and are not diagnosed. Vertical maternal transmission occurs most commonly at birth with little sequelae to the infant. Maternal transmission is less common in the first trimester but causes the highest level of symptoms and abnormalities in those infants infected.  Results from a phase 3 study of Moderna's mRNA-1647 CMV candidate vaccine (gB+pentameric Complex) in females ages 16–40 years are anticipated next year. Low CMV awareness and potential need for serologic screening may pose implementation challenges.
OTHER VACCINES: LYME DISEASE	A work group has been formed to evaluate 2 new vaccines currently in clinical trials.

Questions about immunization? Contact Tamara Sheffield, MD, MPA, MPH, Medical Director, Immunization Programs, Intermountain Health Canyons Region, at 801-442-3946.



## Help Members Stay on Track with Breast Cancer Screenings

Getting regular mammograms is the key to early detection of breast conditions and now, it's easier than ever to schedule. Screening mammograms at an Intermountain Health facility do not require an order from a provider. Patients may selfschedule these tests on the Intermountain Health website.

The American Cancer Society recommends women of average risk begin annual screening mammography at the age of 40 and continue for as long as they are healthy.

Intermountain Health uses advanced 3D mammography, or breast tomosynthesis, to get the most detailed and accurate information, enabling earlier detection of breast cancer. It also produces fewer false-positive results than traditional mammograms and lets providers identify small tumors that may be missed in traditional mammograms.



#### Early detection can save a life.

Breast cancer is one of the most treatable forms of cancer if it's caught in its early stages. Annual screening mammography has decreased the death rate from breast cancer by 40-50 percent over the last 30 years.

## Early Preventive Screening for Colorectal Cancer

Preventive vaccines, tests, and procedures look early signs of a disease or cancer to prevent the patient's condition from worsening. Vaccines prevent a disease or dramatically reduce its impact on the person's ability to recover.

#### **HEALTH PLANS AND PREVENTIVE SCREENINGS**

Regulations require that most commercial health plans cover certain services as preventive with no member payment responsibility. These mandated services (e.g., mammograms, vaccines, colorectal cancer screening) are usually based on recommendations from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) or Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

Additionally, certain screening or preventive tests need to be covered as preventive at defined intervals as per published guidelines. For example, screening colonoscopies follow USPSTF recommendations and

are required to be covered as preventive every 10 years. A plan can choose to be more liberal but not more restrictive.

#### **COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING AND RISK FACTORS**

Key health guidelines recommend preventive screening for colorectal cancer (CRC) at age 45 years. There are circumstances that warrant earlier screening and could be covered under preventive benefits.

National guidelines, such as those published by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN), recommend preventive screening at earlier ages than for average risk patients. These risks include:1,2

- 1. ≥1 first-degree relative with CRC at any age\*
- 2. First-degree relative with confirmed advanced adenoma(s) (e.g., high-grade dysplasia, ≥1 cm, villous or

Continued on page 18...





- tubulovillous histology, or advanced serrated polyps— 1 cm, or any dysplasia) at any age\*
- 3. Inflammatory bowel disease screening as per guidelines
- 4. Hereditary CRC disorders, such as Lynch syndrome screening, as per guidelines

Please note that having second- and third-degree relatives with CRC cancer history does not usually result in a recommendation for early preventive screening (e.g. maternal and paternal grandparents with CRC) unless there are ≥3 to 4 relatives on one side of the family noted with CRC.

Requesting preventive screening at age >10 years from patient family member with CRC will also not meet preventive screening guidelines (e.g., mother had CRC at age 45 and preventive screening is requested at age 29).

It is important that as a physician you do not lead a patient to believe a colonoscopy is covered as preventive if they do not meet the above criteria. Patients frequently misunderstand this verbiage, and it is frustrating in these situations as they have been told by their doctor that this is preventive.

Patients or physicians should request preventive colonoscopy coverage prior to it being performed if a patient is under 45 years of age. If a colonoscopy has already been performed without preauthorization, it can also be appealed for preventive benefits.

#### **DIAGNOSTIC VS PREVENTIVE SCREENING**

Because preventive screening generally means that the patients does not have signs or symptoms of a disease of the organ being screened at the time of the screening.

Charges for CRC would be covered as diagnostic and **NOT** be considered under the member's preventive benefit if the patient:3

- Visits a physician for symptoms, such as bloating, bleeding, or abdominal pain, that are outside of USPSTF screening recommendations for colonoscopy
- Returns for surveillance of abnormal asymptomatic polyp(s) when the screening interval doesn't follow NCCN guideline recommendations for repeat colonoscopy
- Has symptoms from abnormal asymptomatic polyp(s)

#### **REFERENCES**

- U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF). A & B Recommendations. USPSTF website. No date. https://www. uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/recommendation-topics/uspstf-a-and-b-recommendations. Accessed May 20, 2025.
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN). NCCN Guidelines: Colorectal Cancer Screening. NCCN.org website. Version 1: 2024. https:// www.nccn.org/guidelines/guidelines-detail?category=2&id=1429. Accessed May 20, 2025.
- Select Health. Select Health Coding & Reimbursement Policy: Preventive Care and Screening Guidelines (06). Last Revised April 9, 2025. https://files.selecthealth.cloud/api/public/content/06\_preventive.pdf?v=35fa3bfd. Accessed May 20, 2025.



<sup>\*</sup> For this risk factor, screening should begin no later than age 40 years or 10 years earlier than a family member with CRC and repeat every 5 years or based on colonoscopy findings.

## How Care Management Supports Your Practice

Select Health provides Care Management services for Select Health members. Case Managers work closely with the Intermountain Clinical Program work groups. Members are stratified using multiple tools and a member of the care management team contacts those found to be at risk.

The following services are currently provided:

- Proactive outbound call support
- Needs assessments performed by a nurse
- Individual member coaching
- Educational materials mailed to the member's home
- Referral to facility-based classes
- Assistance with medication compliance, equipment, and supplies
- Assistance with insurance benefit questions

Care management is a vital resource for dealing with the overwhelming stress of urgent or special medical needs. Whether it's a new diagnosis or a major injury, specially trained care managers can help members:

- Navigate through the healthcare system
- Maximize self-care by assessing needs and designing and executing a member-centric care plan
- Ensure that immediate and ongoing needs are met and best possible care received by acting as a liaison between the member and providers

#### Treating a Select Health member where a care manager could help?

Contact our Care Management Department at **800-442-5305**, option **2**.

Care management focuses on members who repeatedly cycle through the healthcare system without lasting benefit and/or are unable to adhere to a treatment plan without help.

We seek to identify and intervene with members, such as those who:

- Have medically complex and impactable needs
- Struggle to use healthcare resources appropriately
- Experience comorbid behavioral health and medical conditions or a catastrophic health event (e.g., multiple trauma, new disability)
- Have significant and complex social determinants of health needs

We also support members who have less-complicated health issues but are struggling to manage their health by:

- Coaching for health habits
- Resolving short-term barriers to care
- Helping guide complex referrals to providers and services
- Finding resources



## Navigate! How can we help you today?

Start with Select Health online self-service solutions. Access our provider website (selecthealth.org/providers) for the quickest way to get your questions answered. Direct links are in purple type.

Do you need to:	Go to:
Find member ID card information?	https://selecthealth.org/providers/claims/id-guides
Access non-covered codes/ preauthorization requirements?	https://selecthealth.org/providers/publication-resources/tools
Request preauthorization?	https://selecthealth.org/providers/preauthorization
Appeal a claim?	https://files.selecthealth.cloud/api/public/content/provider_appeal_form.pdf
Find pharmacy resources?	https://selecthealth.org/providers/pharmacy
Access dental provider resources?	https://selecthealth.org/providers/dental
Access Select Health policies (medical, dental, coding/reimbursement)?	https://selecthealth.org/providers/policies
Learn about our secure provider tools (Provider Benefit Tool, CareAffiliate®)?	For the Provider Benefit Tool (check eligibility and claims status):  https://selecthealth.org/providers/claims/provider-benefit-tool  For CareAffiliate (submit and track online preauthorization requests):  https://selecthealth.org/providers/preauthorization/careaffiliate/ca-training

**Contact us when you can't find answers online.** We're here to help, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise indicated below. Phone and email requests are answered in the order they are received.

When you need to:	Access:
Verify member benefits or get help with claims payment issues and information	The Provider Benefit Tool (see above) or Member Services: <b>800-538-5038</b> (available 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays.) For Federal Employee Health Benefit members, contact <b>844-345-FEHB (3342).</b>
Resolve issues with provider setup or directory listing	Provider Development: 800-538-5054; provider.development@selecthealth.org
Get help with access to tools on our secure Provider Portal and online tools (Provider Benefit Tool, CareAffiliate)	Provider Web Services: providerwebservices@selecthealth.org
Resolve claims appeals/preauth issues	Compliance and Appeals: 844-208-9012
Manage Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	EDI Department: 800-538-5099 (fax: 801-442-0372); edi@selecthealth.org
Change passwords, reactivate accounts, resolve issues with 2-Step Authentication (PingID)	Account Help Desk: 801-442-7979, Option 2
Request fee schedules (contracted providers only)	Provider Development: SHFeeScheduleRequests@selecthealth.org



#### Disclaimers:

Select Health refers to many of the products in this issue by their respective trademarks, but Select Health does not own those trademarks; the manufacturer or supplier of each drug owns the drug's trademark. By listing these products, Select Health does not endorse or sponsor any drug, manufacturer, or supplier. And these manufacturers and suppliers do not endorse or sponsor any Select Health service or plan and are not affiliated with Select Health.

Select Health uses third-party links in this newsletter for informational purposes only. Information contained in these third-party links is the sole responsibility of the owner of the third-party link. Select Health is not responsible for the accuracy, legality, or content of third-party links, and use of these links is at the discretion of the end-user.