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Vaccines Now Available through Pharmacy Benefit

Effective October 1, 2015, adult immunization will be covered under San Francisco Health Plan Outpatient Pharmacy Benefit for Medi-Cal members over the age of 18. Vaccines covered through this benefit include: annual influenza, MMR, meningococcal, pneumococcal, herpes zoster, Tdap/Td, Hib and varicella. See the flyer [here](#) for a complete list. Please note children 18 years of age or younger are eligible for vaccinations through California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. Please contact VFC at **1(877) 243-8832** for more information.

Pharmacy Updates

Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Changes

- Several changes to the SFHP formulary and prior authorization criteria have been approved by the SFHP Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) committee at the July 15, 2015 committee meeting. Please visit our website at <http://www.sfhp.org/providers/formulary/pharmacy-therapeutics-committee/> to view the summary of approved changes. All changes are effective **August 15, 2015**. For formulary questions visit our website at <http://www.sfhp.org/providers/formulary> or call SFHP pharmacy department at **1(415) 547-7818 ext. 7085**.

Daklinza and Technivie

Effective **September 1, 2015**, US Bioservices, SFHP Specialty Pharmacy vendor, is providing exclusive distribution for Daklinza (daclatasvir) and Technivie (ombitasvir, paritaprevir, and ritonavir). Please contact US Bioservices at **1(888) 518-7246** for any questions or to call in a prescription. SFHP's specialty drug list is reviewed monthly and updated to reflect market changes.

- Please refer to the SFHP Specialty Drug List at: <http://www.sfhp.org/files/providers/formulary/SpecialtyRxList.pdf> for any updates.
- As a reminder, SFHP uses the mandated California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) criteria for all requests for Hepatitis C therapies including, but not limited to, Daklinza (daclatasvir), Technivie (ombitasvir, paritaprevir, and ritonavir), Viekira Pak (ombitasvir, paritaprevir, ritonavir, and dasabuvir), Harvoni (ledipasvir and sofosbuvir), Sovaldi (sofosbuvir) and Olysio (simpeprevir). Criteria can be found at: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/HepatitisC.aspx>.
- The US Bioservices Specialty Pharmacy can be reached at **1(888) 518-7246** and the disease specific phone line for Hepatitis C can be reached at **1(866) 223-7914**.

Home Blood Pressure Monitors Will Be Covered Through Pharmacy Benefits

- SFHP is pleased to announce that home blood pressure monitors are now covered through pharmacy benefits for all SFHP Medi-Cal and Medicare/Medi-Cal (dual eligible) members! Your patient will need a prescription written for a blood

pressure monitor for network pharmacies to process this benefit. Please note that monitors with a value up to \$50 will be covered, each member is eligible for 1 monitor every 5 years.

CA WIC Regional Breastfeeding Liaison Project California WIC

Regional Breastfeeding Liaison (RBL) Project was created by California WIC Program to improve WIC breastfeeding rates through the work of Regional Breastfeeding Liaisons (RBL). The RBL works on fostering and maintaining vital relationship between WIC and health care providers and other stake holders in different regions across California.

The **Peninsula Regional Breastfeeding Collaborative (PRBC)** leads the WIC RBL Project for the region of San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara WIC Programs. **Laura Kinsella** is the current **Regional Breastfeeding Liaison** for PRBC. Laura is a registered dietitian, a certified lactation educator and has extensive experience in breastfeeding promotion and health care marketing. As a liaison between the WIC Program and health care providers, Laura will provide information about how WIC can be a breastfeeding resource for medical professionals and their clients. Laura Kinsella will be contacting providers in San Francisco who serve Medi-Cal and WIC populations.

To learn more about the project, please contact Abby Wolf, RN, PHN at **1(415) 615-5100** or awolf@sfhp.org.

Pediatric News: AAP Adds Fluoride Varnish to Anticipatory Guidance Schedule

Primary Care Providers should apply Fluoride Varnish (FV) to children's teeth, beginning at the first tooth eruption through age 5, up to three times per year. The AAP first endorsed FV in 2001 and added it to the 2015 version of its Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care, which was published online on **August 31, 2015**. The

AAP's decision follows the same recommendation made by the USPSTF in 2014.

FV is a Medi-Cal benefit that is a proven, effective method of preventing Early Childhood Caries (ECC) in children under the age of 6. ECC is the most common chronic childhood illness in the US and is largely preventable. Children's oral health disparities are on the rise in San Francisco. Young children in San Francisco experience ECC at a higher rate than the national average, with low-income children at the highest risk.

SFHP is currently working on strategies to encourage and support the provision of this Medi-Cal benefit for our eligible members and partnering with CHDP to offer FV training for providers. If you are a CHDP provider seeking FV training, please contact Margaret Fisher, RDHAP, BS, CHDP Oral Health Consultant at **1(415) 575-5719** or Margaret.fisher@sfdph.org. If you are not a CHDP provider, but interested in training or have questions about FV, please contact Abby Wolf, RN, PHN at **1(415) 615-5100** or awolf@sfhp.org.

A Friendly Reminder Regarding Mailing Your Claim

Earlier this year SFHP moved offices. If you are mailing any claims for us to process, please use our new mailing address.

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Our phone, fax numbers, and email addresses have not changed. Our main office phone number is **1(415) 547-7817** or toll-free **1(800) 288-5555**.

Should you have any other concerns or need assistance with Provider Relations or Health Services issues, please do not hesitate to contact Provider Relations at **1(415) 547-7818 ext.**

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