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## COVERAGE OF THE HPV VACCINE AND ASN UPDATES

### BACKGROUND

HHSC has received provider questions around reimbursement for the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, also referred to as Gardasil, and how reimbursement for the vaccine may be impacted by changes to the vaccines covered by the Adult Safety Net (ASN) Program.

The ASN program is administered by the Department of State Health Services to assist adults without health insurance in getting vaccinated.

This notice is to clarify the Texas Medicaid coverage of the HPV vaccine.

### KEY DETAILS

The HPV vaccine is a covered benefit under Texas Medicaid, as specified in Section 9.2.36.2 of the [Medical and Nursing Specialists, Physicians, and Physician Assistants Handbook](#) in the Texas Medicaid Provider and Procedure Manual.

As of August 1, 2023, the ASN program no longer covers the HPV vaccine. However, as a reminder, individuals are not eligible to receive ASN vaccines if they are enrolled in Medicaid.

MCOs are still responsible for reimbursing all vaccinations covered by Texas Medicaid, including the HPV vaccine.

### RESOURCES

TMPPM: <https://www.tmhp.com/resources/provider-manuals/tmppm>

DSHS Immunization News Webpage: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunizations/media/news>

DSHS ASN Program General Information: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunizations/what-we-do/programs/asn>