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National Immunization Partnership with the APA (NIPA) *Improving HPV Immunization Coverage*

The National Improvement Partnership Network (NIPN) and the Academic Pediatric Association (APA) are excited to be collaborating on a national initiative, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to improve adolescent human papillomavirus (HPV) immunization rates nationwide. This project, which unites the dual strengths of NIPN and APA, a national leader in immunizations delivery research, comes at a critical time: national HPV immunization rates have stagnated, with only **36.7%** of girls and **13.9%** of boys 13-17 years of age receiving the complete 3-dose series in 2013. These rates fall far short of the Healthy People 2020 goal of **80%** coverage. Furthermore, HPV is by far the most common sexually transmitted disease in the U.S. – approximately 14 million new infections arise each year – and is responsible for virtually all cervical cancers, as well as over 50% of vulvar, vaginal, anal and oropharyngeal cancers. The National Immunization Partnership with the APA (NIPA) answers the call for a comprehensive effort to spread HPV awareness, strengthen provider HPV vaccine recommendations and expand the vaccine's potential to prevent HPV-related cancers.



As a national leader in Quality Improvement (QI), NIPN brings QI expertise to the NIPA leadership team and is leading the project's primary care-focused QI intervention. Practices recruited to participate in the QI intervention will receive training in QI methodology and implement evidence-based practice changes to increase immunization rates and reduce missed opportunities for HPV vaccine administration. The NIPA QI Project Team will guide practice teams through baseline data collection and office self-assessments to ensure that HPV vaccine status is prioritized at every adolescent healthcare visit. Through monthly Learning Collaborative calls, feedback reports and guidance, offices will progress towards communicating strong HPV vaccination recommendations and achieving improved coverage rates. NIPA also anticipates that participants will be able to seek credit for Part 4, Maintenance of Certification (MOC) credit from the American Board of Pediatrics or Maintenance of Certification for Family Physicians (MC-FP), Part IV. State-based Improvement Partnership (IP) programs will be recruited to participate in successive cohorts of 6-month QI interventions, and each IP will select 10 or more practices to participate. APA project leaders will also recruit continuity clinic sites for simultaneous participation.

We look forward to working with you on this important project!

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