

# Memorandum

To: Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP) Practitioners and Office Managers

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Director of Quality Improvement

Re: **World Immunization Week – “Protected Together”**

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Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP) values the health of its members and encourages practitioners to reduce child immunization gaps in Ventura County by scheduling their patients for immunizations.

The [World Health Organization](#) has designated April 24 to 30 as World Immunization Week. This year’s theme, [Protected Together](#), highlights the collective action needed to ensure that every person is protected from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Vaccines are one of the most successful and cost-effective health interventions and they have dramatically reduced the threat of many infectious diseases that were once widespread and fatal. Despite the evident benefits of vaccines, Table 1 shows that GCHP’s HEDIS® rate for the Childhood Immunization Status (CIS) Combo 3 measure has decreased. The current rate of 64.96 ranks at the 25<sup>th</sup> national percentile.

Table 1: GCHP CIS Combo 3 Reporting Year Rates

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
80.05	75.43	69.97	75.43	64.96

The CIS Combo 3 measure evaluates the percentage of 2-year-olds who were administered the following vaccines on or before their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday:

Vaccines Reviewed for CIS Combo 3 Measure	Vaccines Needed By the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Birthday
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	1
Varicella (VZV)	1
Inactivated Polio (IPV)	3
Hepatitis B	3
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type B (HiB)	3
Pneumococcal (PCV)	4
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DtaP)	4

[Click here](#) to download the immunization schedules for children.

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