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**ATTN:** Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices  
Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators  
Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

**Re: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2: Immunization,  
Part 1 – Immunization Schedules & Part 4 – Biological Products**

### **Part 1 – Immunization Schedules**

#### **2.4 Schedule D: Adults Age 18 and Older When Starting or Resuming Immunization**

For the HPV vaccine, “women 18 years of age only”, has been changed to “individuals 18 years of age only” to accommodate the inclusion of the cisgender male cohort born in 2005. Gender specific language has been revised for clarity and inclusivity related to HPV9 vaccine eligibility.

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### **Part 4 – Biological Products**

#### **Human Papillomavirus Vaccine**

##### **Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (Nonavalent): Gardasil®9**

- As all males and females are now eligible to initiate a routine HPV immunization series prior to 19 years of age, the INDICATIONS section has been revised accordingly. An associated footnote has been added to indicate that HPV vaccine can be given as early as 9 years of age in exceptional circumstances (e.g., at high risk of HPV exposure).
- Footnote B was revised to incorporate a 6-month operational grace period to allow for cisgender males born in the first half of 2005 (i.e., January to June) to initiate their HPV vaccine series until June 30, 2024.

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