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On September 19, 2014 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published new Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations pertaining to pneumococcal vaccination. These recommendations were updated on September 2015 and incorporated into the 2016 ACIP Adult Immunization Schedule.

ACIP now recommends that adults aged 65 years and older receive the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13, Pevnar-13®) followed by the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV23, Pneumovax®23). The full recommendations are available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/pneumo.html>

Federal nursing home regulation 42CFR 483.25(n) - (F334) for influenza and pneumococcal immunizations requires that each facility must develop influenza and pneumococcal disease policies and procedures consistent with current standards of practice that ensure each resident is offered an influenza and pneumococcal immunization unless the immunization is medically contraindicated or the resident has already been immunized.

Nursing homes that have not incorporated PCV-13 into their pneumococcal immunization program must immediately work with their Medical Director and Infection Preventionist to do so. Failure to do so may put a facility at risk of being out of compliance with F334 Pneumococcal Immunizations, F501 Medical Director, and F441 Infection Control. Noncompliance may result in a serious deficiency(s).

Federal tag F386 – 483.40(b)(3) Physician Visits allows standing orders for influenza and pneumococcal vaccines. Please see <http://immunize.org/catg.d/p3075.pdf> for a sample standing order for vaccinating adults with PCV13 and PPSV23.

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