

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

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KEYSTONE INDEPENDENT LIVING, INC.



Policy Title:
Hepatitis B Vaccine

Chapter:

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SCOPE:

- Chapter 6400 – Community Homes For Individuals With Mental Retardation

INTRODUCTION:

1. An effective way to minimize HBV transmission is to vaccinate residents and staff who are not already immunized. The Hepatitis B vaccine has shown to be 80-95% effective in preventing infection among susceptible individuals. The vaccine is provided as a series of three injections. Booster doses of vaccine may be needed. Recommendations by the Immunization Practice Advisory Committee of the U.S. Public Health Services on the timing for booster doses has not yet been determined.
2. Informed consents will be obtained for persons before they receive the vaccine. Informed consent requires good communication and adequate disclosure concerning immunization procedures and good documentation of this communication.
3. In homes serving 8 or fewer individuals, Hepatitis B immunization, or written documentation that the individual has tested negative to Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAG) and positive to Hepatitis B surface antibody (antiHBs) is required for all individuals (children and adults) if there is an individual known to be a Hepatitis B carrier; annual immunization is not required.
4. In homes serving 9 or more individuals, Hepatitis B immunization, or written documentation that the individual has tested negative to Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAG) and positive to Hepatitis B surface antibody (antiHBs) is required for all individuals (children and adults) who share a living, bathing, or toilet area with an individual known to be a Hepatitis B carrier. Only the initial full series of Hepatitis B immunization is required; annual immunization is not required.
5. To minimize the possibility of disease transmission, the Program Coordinator in coordination with the individual's casemanager, will ensure that the following persons are notified confidentially that a resident is a Hepatitis B carrier.
 - All housemates, residential staff and volunteers who have ongoing and direct contact with the carrier.
 - Parents and/or relatives of the individual.

- Others providing direct services for the person, including; classroom teachers, therapists, day program supervisors, employers, physicians, dentists, respite providers, and drivers to ensure appropriate precautions are observed.
 - Responsible County MH/MR Program Administrator.
 - Local health department.
 - Prior to discharge from the facility, the Director of the facility where the person will reside.
6. The HBV carrier will be advised that the notification is being given to these persons and that the information is subject to confidentiality.

DISCUSSION: