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Memo 25-25

To: Administrator, DNS, Medical Director, Infection Preventionist, and QA Committee
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Re: Pneumococcal Vaccination and Removal of Focused Infection Control Surveys

As you may already be aware, on October 26, 2024, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has updated its recommendations for the pneumococcal vaccine ([Pneumococcal Vaccine Recommendations](#)). The recommendations are as follows:

- Pneumococcal vaccination for **adults 50 years and older** (age recommendation was previously 65 years and older).

Facilities are required to offer PNA vaccines **to residents and staff age 50 and older** as outlined by regulations CMS F883 and NYS PHL, Article 21A.

Adults ≥50 years old
Complete pneumococcal vaccine schedules

Prior vaccines	Option A	Option B
None*	PCV20 or PCV21	PCV15 → ≥1 year† → PPSV23‡
PCV15 only at any age	→ ≥1 year† → PPSV23‡	NO OPTION B
PCV15 & PPSV23 OR PCV20 OR PCV21 at any age	No vaccines recommended; schedule is complete.	
PPSV23 only at any age	→ ≥1 year → PCV20 or PCV21	→ ≥1 year → PCV15
PCV13 only at any age	→ ≥1 year → PCV20 or PCV21	NO OPTION B
PCV13 at any age & PPSV23 at <65 yrs	→ ≥5 years → PCV20 or PCV21	

* Also applies to people who received PCV7 at any age and no other pneumococcal vaccines
† If PPSV23 is not available, PCV20 or PCV21 may be used
‡ Consider minimum interval (8 weeks) for adults with an immunocompromising condition, cochlear implant, or cerebrospinal fluid leak (CSF) leak
§ For adults with an immunocompromising condition, cochlear implant, or CSF leak, the minimum interval for PPSV23 is ≥8 weeks since last PCV13 dose and ≥5 years since last PPSV23 dose; for others, the minimum interval for PPSV23 is ≥1 year since last PCV13 dose and ≥5 years since last PPSV23 dose

Additionally, CMS [QSO-23-25-ALL](#), revised 7/30/2025 highlights that focused infection control surveys are no longer a part of the standard survey process and that any Covid-19 or infection control concerns should be conducted through complaint investigations outside of the LTCSP process.

Visit our website [Home - GNYHCFA](#) for an updated sample Pneumococcal Policy. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the Association if you have any questions.

Thank You,
GNYHCFA Team