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## MMRV Vaccine: Age Eligibility and Indications for Use Reminder

Please be reminded that eligibility for the combined, quadrivalent measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (MMRV) vaccine is as follows

(<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html>):

- **Individuals 12 years of age and under** meeting the eligibility criteria for both mumps, measles, and rubella (MMR) and varicella (Var) immunizations.

The MMRV vaccine (tariff 8671) that is available for use in Manitoba is Priorix-Tetra™; it is approved by Health Canada for people ≤ 12 years of age. As per the physician billing manual, immunizations may only be claimed if the injection is for a publicly funded vaccine administered in accordance with the eligibility criteria. **Effective June 1, 2021, claims for tariff 8671 that are submitted through the Claims Processing Solution (CPS) via Weblink or EPiCs for clients ≥ 13 years of age will be rejected with the following explanation of benefits (EOB) code D5: *this claim was refused as the age of the patient does not coincide with the benefit catalogue item submitted.***

Clients aged ≥ 13 years of age who are eligible for both the measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine AND/OR the varicella (var) vaccine should receive separate injections at different sites of administration. Please submit claims via CPS for the appropriate vaccine tariff administered: tariff 8670 for the MMR vaccine AND/OR tariff 8674 for the varicella vaccine.

Please work with your billing vendor to remedy any claims errors. Please be reminded that claims for vaccine tariffs are automatically interfaced with the Public Health Information Management System (PHIMS) and auto-populate to the individual client's immunization record.

Please share this information with all relevant colleagues in your clinic/facility.

Sincerely,

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