

## MnVFC Announcement

Date: May 1, 2024

To: MnVFC Providers

From: MnVFC Program

Re: **Penbraya (MenABCWY) is Now Available for MnVFC**

Please route to:

- Clinical supervisor
- Medical director
- Clinic manager
- Clinic staff
- Pharmacy
- Vaccine staff

There is a new meningococcal product, penbraya, available on the MnVFC contract. It has been added to the MnVFC order form as of May 1. Penbraya is a pentavalent meningococcal (MenABCWY) product from Pfizer approved for use in people 10 through 25 years of age.

Consider the following when deciding whether you should order penbraya:

- If a patient is receiving MenACWY and MenB vaccines at the same visit, MenABCWY may be given instead.
- Currently, it is not recommended for the 11 to 12-year-old dose (only need MenACWY) or the second MenB dose.
- If a patient receives MenABCWY vaccine, which includes trumenba:
  - Trumenba must be used for additional MenB dose(s) when MenACWY is not indicated. Bexsero cannot be used since trumenba and bexsero are not interchangeable.
  - If an additional dose of MenACWY vaccine is indicated, but MenB is not indicated, any MenACWY vaccine can be used because they are interchangeable.
- The minimum interval between MenABCWY doses is 6 months.

People with prolonged, increased risk for serogroup A, C, W, or Y and B meningococcal disease need regular boosters. The recommended interval between doses varies by age and vaccine type. MenABCWY vaccine can be used only when both MenACWY and MenB vaccines are indicated at the same visit. Otherwise, MenACWY and MenB vaccines should be given separately as appropriate.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices is evaluating the current meningococcal vaccine recommendations and may change them in the future. GSK is also working on developing a MenABCWY vaccine.

Penbraya is supplied in a kit that includes a vial of lyophilized MenACWY component (a sterile white powder), a pre-filled syringe containing the MenB component and a vial adapter, and it can be ordered in quantities of one or five doses.

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