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News Flash

To: Sharp Health Plan Providers
Attn: Providers and Provider Office Staff
From: Sharp Health Plan
Date: October 9, 2018
Subject: **Important Meningococcal Serogroup B Vaccination**

Attention Provider Partner:

Due to the current outbreak of meningococcal serogroup B (MenB) among undergraduate students 23 years and younger at San Diego State University (SDSU), Sharp Health Plan (SHP) is seeking your assistance to ensure that individuals in the at-risk population receive a vaccine.

Please review the attached notice from the County of San Diego, Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA), Department of Public Health Services (PHS).

We recommend that you review your patient records and reach out to any patients in the at-risk population to arrange for vaccination.

If you have any questions, please contact SHP Provider Relations at 1-858-499-8330 or via email at provider.relations@sharp.com.

Thank you,

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TO: Community Clinics
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REQUEST TO ADMINISTER MENINGOCOCCAL SEROGROUP B VACCINATIONS TO SDSU STUDENTS WHO ARE 23 YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER

On behalf of the County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), Department of Public Health Services (PHS), I am sending you this letter to request your assistance. As you may be aware, San Diego State University (SDSU) is currently experiencing an outbreak of meningococcal serogroup B (MenB) among undergraduate students 23 years of age and younger. Based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, we are asking you to please administer the MenB vaccine to your patients who are in the above at-risk population.

The current outbreak has already affected several students who fall into this at-risk population. During the current outbreak, SDSU graduate students, undergraduate students who are 24 years and over, staff, faculty and visitors **are not recommended** to get the MenB vaccine. All SDSU students 23 years of age and younger are recommended to be vaccinated.

Please contact your patients who are at risk for MenB to schedule a vaccination. Your assistance is essential to protecting the at-risk population.

For additional information, please visit the [County of San Diego MenB webpage](#).

Sincerely,


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