## Human Papillomavirus (HPV) (pronounced pap-ah-LO-mah-VYE-rus)

HPV is a very common and **widespread virus** that infects both males and females. You can help **protect your child** from the cancers and diseases caused by the virus by **starting vaccination today**. Vaccination is **most effective when given early**.

- You can get HPV through intimate skin-to-skin contact.
- Most people who have HPV do not know they have it. There are often no signs.
- HPV can cause cancer in both males and females.
- Infection is most common in teens and those in their early 20's.

A safe and effective vaccine is available. It can help prevent the infections that lead to cancers.

By starting at age 11 or 12, you offer the most HPV cancer prevention for your child.

## If you have any questions,

talk to your child's provider or call Molina's Nurse Advice Line at:



English: (888) 275-8750 Spanish: (866) 648-3537 Deaf and Hard of Hearing: 711 or (866) 735-2929

## HPV Vaccination is Cancer Prevention

| Teen Vaccina              | tion Schedule                |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Age 11-12 years           | HPV, MCV4<br>Flu (each year) |
| Age<br>13-15 years        | Tdap<br>Flu (each year)      |
| Age<br><b>16-18</b> years | MCV4<br>Flu (each year)      |
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