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Postdoctoral Certificate Program – Immunizations

Policy: Effective with the fall term of 2012, all postdoctoral appointees at UTMB must provide immunizations records or obtain immunizations from their primary care physicians (PCP), as part of their enrollment in the Postdoctoral Certificate Program under the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and in accordance with rules and regulations established by UT System and enforced by Student Wellness.

Procedure: Postdoctoral appointees will complete an immunization record form and take it to Student Wellness to learn which vaccinations or records they need. After identifying immunization requirements, the postdocs are advised to make appointments with their primary care physicians to obtain the necessary shots. When making the appointment, the postdoc should this is to obtain immunizations and which ones are necessary. Because the employee health benefits in effect at this time qualify the vaccinations as preventive medicine, they should be provided "without any cost-sharing requirements when provided by an in-network provider…," according to UT System. In other words, the vaccinations should be free, as long as the PCP visit is for only the shots.

Should the PCP's office ask for a copay, the person should be advised to check with Blue Cross/Blue Shield to verify that preventive health measures are without cost to the employee.

A copy of the physician's immunization record for the postdoc should be taken to Student Wellness for processing.

The timetable for implementation is as follows:
For Fall 2012, ALL postdoctoral appointees must provide their immunization records to Student Wellness no later than October 1, 2012.