

Targeted Vaccinations: Standing Orders

Task Force Finding

Intervention Definition

Standing orders allow professionals who are not physicians (e.g., nurses, pharmacists) to prescribe or deliver vaccinations to client populations by protocol without direct physician involvement at the time of the interaction.

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The Task Force finds insufficient evidence to determine the effectiveness of standing orders when implemented alone in increasing influenza, pneumococcal polysaccharide, or hepatitis B vaccination coverage among high-risk adults because no studies of this intervention were found.

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