

# Provider Update

## Meningococcal disease outbreak at Rutgers University – New Brunswick

**Background:** In March and April of 2016, two cases of invasive serogroup B meningococcal disease were diagnosed in undergraduate students at Rutgers University – New Brunswick (RU-NB). Both patients had meningitis, and one had bacteremia. Both students have since recovered, and neither have had any sequelae.

✦ **What this means to you:** Undergraduate students at RU–NB and graduate students living in undergraduate dormitories are at an increased risk for developing invasive meningococcal disease and are recommended to receive the vaccine in response to this outbreak.

Students at RU-NB may receive the vaccination. Students must verify they attend RU-NB before receiving the vaccination. If you do not have the vaccination available, the student can receive a prescription and go to any network pharmacy to receive the vaccination. One of the vaccines for meningococcal bacteria (Trumemba) has been temporarily added to the pharmacy benefit in New Jersey only. A prior authorization is not needed for RU-NB students. Students will be required to show the pharmacist their Amerigroup Community Care member ID card along with their RU-NB ID card.

### **What if I need assistance?**

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