

## **HEPATITIS B REQUIREMENT EXPLANATION**

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT A BLOOD TEST (TITER) TO CONFIRM IMMUNITY FOR HEPATITIS B IS REQUIRED.**

The Hepatitis B requirement is broken down as follows:

You have two choices to comply with the Hepatitis B requirement. You can 1) provide the original shots you had as an infant/child and have a blood test (titer) to confirm immunity **OR** 2) sign the Hepatitis B Declination form located in your CastleBranch account and upload this form to the HEP B requirement in your CastleBranch account.

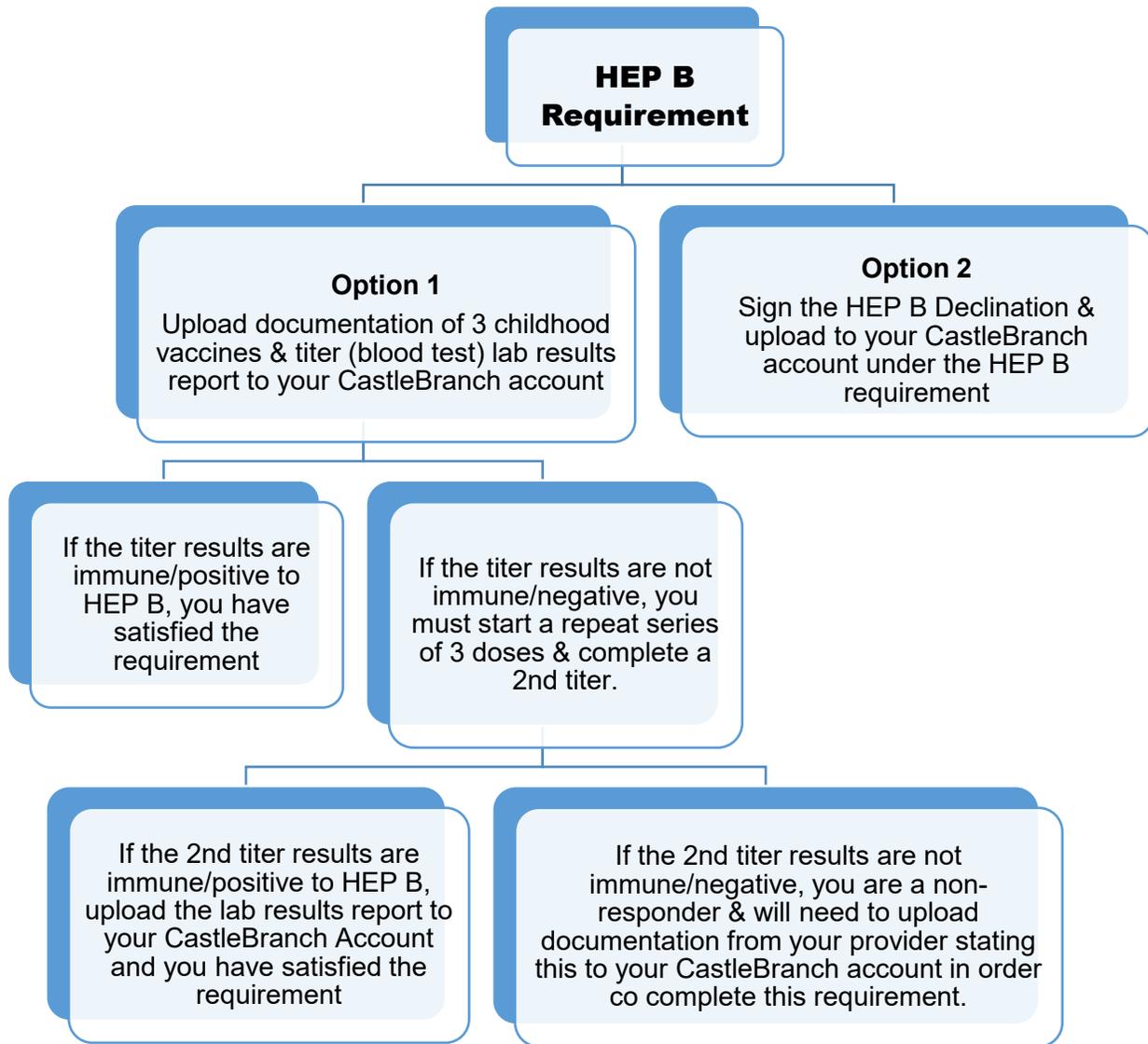
If you choose to provide the vaccines you had as a child and a blood test (titer) confirming immunity, you must upload your lab results report to the requirement. **If you do not upload the lab results report to this requirement with your childhood vaccines, CastleBranch will reject it and you will not be in compliance.**

**What happens if my blood work comes back and I am not immune?** The first thing to do is to start the repeat series of the HEP B vaccine. When you upload the lab results and you are not immune, CastleBranch will automatically open the requirement for the repeat series doses. You will need to upload the paperwork for each dose as you receive them. After you upload the repeat series dose, CastleBranch will open the requirement for the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose and then the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose once the 2<sup>nd</sup> has been completed and uploaded. It takes up to six months to complete the series of vaccines. As long as you receive the required doses when prescribed and upload your documentation on time, you will be considered compliant even if you have not completed the series by the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

**What do I do once the repeat series is complete:** Once you have uploaded your documentation for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final dose, CastleBranch will open up a requirement for a second blood test (titer) to confirm immunity. Once you have received the results of your blood test, you will need to upload the lab report for those results to your CastleBranch account. If you are immune, you are compliant and you have completed this requirement.

**What if I am not immune after the repeat series?** You are considered a non-responder to the vaccine and you will need to upload documentation from your health care provider indicating that you have repeated the series and are not immune but are in compliance.

# HEPATITIS B REQUIREMENT PROCESS CHART



## **\*Why should I go through the repeat series instead of signing the declination?**

Hepatitis B is a serious disease caused by a virus that attacks the liver. The virus, which is called Hepatitis B virus (HBV), can cause a lifelong infection, cirrhosis (scarring) of the liver, liver cancer, liver failure and death. Healthcare Workers (HCWs) are at risk for exposure to Hepatitis B. Anyone working directly with patients or anyone who handles materials that could spread infection, should get vaccinated to reduce the possibility of contracting Hepatitis B.