

**PLEASE COPY THIS FOR ALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS
IN YOUR PRACTICE**

TO: All Users of State Supplied Vaccines

FROM: Mick Bolduc-VFC Coordinator

DATE: February 6, 2008

SUBJECT: Update on February Hib Orders

The primary purpose of this communication is to update you on the status of your February Hib order.

ActHib

Due to the limited supply of vaccine all February orders were cut to ensure that all offices would receive at least some ActHib. Vaccine is arriving each week at McKesson as product is being manufactured and released. Unfortunately, there is not enough vaccine to fill all requests simultaneously. Therefore Hib orders will be filled on a weekly basis throughout the entire month so do not be alarmed if you receive your initial February vaccine shipment without ActHib. Rest assured the ActHib will arrive at some point this month. My hope is that the vaccine supply will improve over the course of the next several months but there is no guarantee of that happening.

As a reminder, all providers can place Hib orders on a monthly basis until further notice. When placing your request only order enough Hib for a 1 month supply. Please have your order into the Immunization Program no later than the first business day of the month-late orders run the risk of not receiving any Hib. Providers should continue to follow the interim recommendations temporarily deferring the 12-15 month booster dose of Hib for healthy children.

Attached are two Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) updates: one for Meningococcal vaccines dated 1/28/08, and one for multiple vaccines that can be used as a substitute for any or all of the routine birth-6 month vaccine VIS (DTaP, Polio, Hep B, Rotavirus, Hib, and Pneumococcal) dated 1/30/08. All VIS can be accessed at: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/default.htm

Thank you for your continued patience. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (860) 509-7940 if you have any questions.