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TO: All Users of State Supplied Vaccines

FROM: Mick Bolduc-VFC Coordinator

DATE: November 4, 2008

SUBJECT: Update on November Hib and Influenza vaccine orders

The primary purpose of this communication is to update you on the status of your November Hib and influenza vaccine orders.

ActHib

Over the past 4 months our supply of ActHib has been reduced by approximately 60 %. Provider orders for the month of November have been cut to reflect the decreased amount of vaccine made available from the manufacturer. Providers can expect to receive about 35 % of their ActHib request this month. For those offices that did not place an order for Pentacel (DTaP/IPV/Hib) you may find that you will not have enough Hib product to vaccinate your patients with a 3 dose primary series. If you would like to place an order for Pentacel, please contact our office within the next 48 hours to do so. As a reminder providers should continue to defer the booster dose of Hib for healthy children 12 months of age and older.

Influenza

The Influenza vaccine supply for November is adequate to fill all provider orders at 100 % of what has been requested. The flu orders are being shipped off its own distribution line at McKesson so you should receive your influenza vaccine separate from the rest of your order. If you have not received your flu vaccine by Wednesday November 19th, please contact us so we can check on the status of your order.

I realize that many providers did not receive all their October vaccine requests in a timely fashion. We have been and will continue to work with the CDC and McKesson to ensure that you receive all the vaccines you need in as quick a timeframe as possible.

As always if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (860) 509-7929.