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TO: All Users of State Supplied Vaccines

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SUBJECT: Update on Pedvax Hib vaccine

The primary purpose of this communication is to update you on the status of Pedvax Hib.

Pedvax

On Friday October 17, 2008 Merck released a statement about the timing of the return to market of its Pedvax Hib vaccine. Pedvax was anticipated to return to market during the last quarter of 2008.

Merck is now revising their projected market return of Pedvax to mid-2009. The Immunization Program will continue to offer the recently licensed DTaP/IPV/Hib vaccine (Pentacel) until Pedvax once again becomes available. Between Pentacel and ActHib providers should have enough Hib vaccine to immunize patients with a primary series at 2, 4, and 6 months of age. **As a reminder the booster dose of Hib for all healthy children must still be deferred at this time.** We will continue to provide updates on the Hib vaccine supply as further information becomes available.

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