Welcome to *Every Kid Deserves a Shot*, a publication from the Department of Public Health to keep health care providers updated with the latest information about the Connecticut Vaccine Program and other helpful information about childhood vaccination.

**Program Enrollment Update**

The Department of Public Health continues to enroll providers in the Connecticut Vaccine Program (CVP). See the side bar for a full breakdown by provider type.

**There is still time to enroll**

The timely submission of provider enrollment forms will allow sufficient time to verify and update provider shipping information and estimate vaccine supply needs for calendar year 2013. Enrolling in the CVP requires only a few steps. Visit our website at [www.ct.gov/dph/cvp](http://www.ct.gov/dph/cvp) to obtain all the information you need to participate, including enrollment forms, an extensive FAQ and other important information. Please remember to include your provider identification number (PIN) on both the agreement and profile forms, and fax the completed forms to (860) 509-8371.

**Insurance Carrier Agreements**

Health insurers are extending to their participating Connecticut providers a 30-day grace period (through January 31, 2013), agreeing to reimburse for vaccine purchased before December 31, 2012. For more info, visit [www.ct.gov/dph/cvp](http://www.ct.gov/dph/cvp).

**DTaP/IPV/Hib vaccine (Pentacel)® Supply**

The Connecticut Vaccine Program was notified in early October by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Sanofi Pasteur that the amount of Pentacel® vaccine has been significantly reduced and providers who order Pentacel® will only be receiving on average 5 doses per month. Providers will need to increase their orders accordingly for single antigen DTaP, IPV, and Hib vaccines as well as consider ordering GlaxoSmithKline's DTaP/IPV/Hep B combination vaccine (brand name Pediarix®) to ensure they have enough vaccine to fully immunize children based on the recommended schedule. There is sufficient supply of DTaP, IPV and Hib for all children to receive a complete series of all recommended vaccines.