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PLEASE COPY THIS FOR ALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN YOUR PRACTICE

TO: Health Care Providers

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mick Bolduc".

FROM: Mick Bolduc, Vaccine Coordinator-Connecticut Vaccine Program (CVP)

DATE: June 11, 2018

SUBJECT: Hepatitis B vaccine

The primary purpose of this communication is to provide you with information concerning the supply of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccines.

Hepatitis B Vaccine

Merck has not been distributing its pediatric Hepatitis B vaccines since mid-2017 and has informed CDC that it will continue to have a limited supply of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine during 2018. GSK has confirmed that it can continue to support full demand in the United States for pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine throughout 2018, using a combination of monovalent pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine and its DTaP/Hep B/IPV pediatric combination vaccine (Pediarix[®]). Between the two manufacturers, CDC anticipates there will be approximately 10% less monovalent pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine than normal during the rest of 2018. The expected monovalent supply will provide sufficient vaccine to cover the Hepatitis B birth dose for all children as well as additional pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine for second and third doses. However, some adjustments will be needed from providers because of the decrease in monovalent vaccine. To ensure an equitable distribution of monovalent Hepatitis B vaccine according to CDC's clinical guidance, CDC has implemented a monthly allotment to each state immunization program. Until further notice providers will be limited to a 4 week supply of monovalent pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine. The CVP does have a limited supply of Merck's monovalent pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax[®]) available to order so providers who wish to use Recombivax[®] can do so. The CVP will make every attempt to ensure that all providers have a sufficient supply of monovalent Hepatitis B vaccine on hand to adequately vaccinate every child in its practice.

As always if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (860) 509-7940.



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