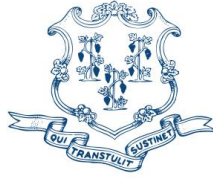


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TO: Health Care Providers
FROM: Mick Bolduc 
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DATE: September 5, 2018
SUBJECT: Update on Hepatitis B Vaccine

The purpose of this communication is to notify you on the supply of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine.

Hepatitis B Vaccine

The Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) has updated the CVP on the supply of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine. As you may recall Merck began experiencing manufacturing issues in 2017 that are expected to continue throughout the rest of 2018. Although the total allotment of Hep B vaccine to the CVP has remained stable the vaccine brands and presentations will continue to change over the course of the shortage, which means that the vaccine type(s) the CVP receives each month may vary. For the month of September, the only Hep B vaccine the CVP has available is Merck's Recombivax[®] so all pending and future orders for this month will be filled with that brand. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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



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