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Updates from the Arizona Immunization Program Vaccine Center **April 20, 2011**

Revised VFC Forms

Several VFC forms have been developed or revised and are included in this mailing. Please begin using the new forms immediately and discard any old forms that you might have on hand. The following forms are included:

Wasted/Expired Vaccine Return Form and Viable Vaccine Transfer Form

VFC Eligibility and KidsCare Accountability Reporting Form

Vaccine Management Plan (All providers must complete this plan and keep it where staff has access to it. Plan will be reviewed during site visits.)

Temperature log (Note that the log says that vaccine will be removed from provider offices when vaccine is found stored in out of range temperatures. Refrigerated vaccine must remain at temperatures between 35°F - 46°F (2°C - 8°C). Frozen vaccine must be stored at ≤5°F (-15°C).

Providers may have to reimburse the VFC Program for the cost of the vaccine if the vaccine is removed due to being stored in out of range temperatures.)

Vaccine Availability, Packaging and CPT Codes

Available Arizona VFC Vaccine & Age Guidelines

Vaccine Order/Reporting Form

Forms Request Form

Transfer of Viable Vaccine

The Vaccine Center will no longer be able to accept unused viable vaccine from providers due to budgetary constraints. Providers no longer need to notify the Vaccine Center of vaccine that will expire within 90 days.

Providers should transfer VFC vaccine that they cannot use before it expires to other VFC providers that can use the vaccine. Providers can contact the Vaccine Center at 602-364-3642 if they need assistance to identify VFC providers that might be able to use their short-dated vaccine. Providers must fax the new Vaccine Transfer form to the Vaccine Center at 602-364-3276 when they transfer vaccine from their stock to another VFC provider.

Providers should minimize vaccine transfers or having vaccine expire at their site. Limiting your vaccine inventory to a 6-8 week reserve supply is one way to prevent your practice from having unused/wasted vaccine. Vaccine in open multi-dose vials or not in the original box cannot be transferred. Providers will continue to be accountable for vaccine that expires at their site.

New Form for Returning Wasted/Expired Vaccine

A new form for returning wasted/expired VFC vaccine to McKesson is included in this packet. Please completely fill out the required information and have the provider located at your site sign the form. The form will give an estimate of the value of the vaccine that has been wasted or expired at your practice. The Vaccine Center staff will approve the return of the vaccine and fax the form back to you.

It is important for you to call our office when you have the vaccine packed for return. We will notify McKesson and they will send a carrier (usually UPS) to pick up the vaccine to be returned. If a carrier does not come to your practice within one week of your call to us that the vaccine is ready for pick up; please call our office again to inform us that the vaccine remains at your office.

The Transfer and Wasted/Expired Return form will be updated with new pricing annually in April. You may obtain the updated forms at http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/immun/act_aipo.htm.

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Vaccine Ordering Management System (VOMS)

The VFC Program has implemented an on-line vaccine ordering system called VOMS which is part of the Arizona State Immunization Information System (ASIS).

Most VFC providers have received permission to begin ordering their vaccine through VOMS. If you have not received the required permission, please call the ASIS hotline at 1-877-491-5741 to obtain your permission to order vaccine. If your practice cannot order vaccine electronically, please call the Vaccine Center at 602-364-3642 to inform us why you are unable to order electronically.

The following information/documents must be reported when placing a VOMS order. Orders will be held for 4 days to allow providers to send in the information. The order will be canceled after 4 days if the information has not been received.

- Current inventory of **all** VFC vaccines on hand even if you are not ordering a specific vaccine.
- Doses administered of **all** vaccines given during the reporting period.
- All providers must fax in the VFC Eligibility and KidsCare Accountability Reporting form.
- All providers must fax in their temperature logs for the entire reporting period including the current month's log that providers are using.
- Vaccine orders may be decreased if current inventory is greater than a 12 week supply.
- If ordering greater than a 12 week supply of any vaccine, note the reason in the VOMS comment section.
- Remember vaccine is shipped by McKesson within 1-2 weeks and Merck ships Varicella within 2 - 4 weeks from the time your order is placed with our office.
- You must continue to keep hard copies of your temperature logs and VFC eligibility screening data in your office for VFC staff to review when they visit your office to conduct a site visit.
- If ordering increased doses for special events, place a comment in VOMS explaining the reason for the increase in the vaccine order.

****Providers cannot report wasted vaccine or vaccine transfers through VOMS.** Providers must fax in the wasted vaccine or transferred vaccine reports to the Vaccine Center 602-364-3276.

Placing Faxed Paper Orders

The following information/documents must be reported when placing a paper order. Orders will be held for 4 days to allow providers to send in the information. The order will be canceled after 4 days if the information has not been received.

- Completed Vaccine Ordering/Reporting form.
- Current inventory of **all** VFC vaccines on hand even if you are not ordering a specific vaccine.
- Doses administered of **all** vaccines given during the reporting period.
- All providers must fax in the VFC Eligibility and KidsCare Accountability Reporting form.
- All providers must fax in their temperature logs for the entire reporting period including the current month's log that providers are using.
- Vaccine orders may be decreased if current inventory is greater than a 12 week supply.
- If ordering greater than a 12 week supply of any vaccine, note the reason on the paper order form.
- Remember vaccine is shipped by McKesson within 1-2 weeks and Merck ships Varicella within 2 - 4 weeks from the time your order is placed with our office.
- You must continue to keep hard copies of your temperature logs and VFC eligibility screening data in your office for VFC staff to review when they visit your office to conduct a site visit.
- If ordering increased doses for special events, place a comment on the paper form explaining the reason for the increase in the vaccine order.

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Decrease in VFC Program Funding for 2011 May Affect Vaccine Supply at Public Clinics

The Arizona VFC Program receives a small amount of federal discretionary funding that can be used to purchase vaccine for special populations. Arizona uses this funding to purchase vaccine to vaccinate 1) newborn infants against hepatitis B in birthing hospitals; 2) insured child that present at public immunization clinics. This discretionary funding has been decreased by 15% for 2011. We ask providers to vaccinate insured children in their offices as much as possible and refrain from referring insured children to these public clinics.

MMRV (ProQuad®) Vaccine Ordering

Merck Manufacturing has depleted their stock of ProQuad®. Effective immediately, the VFC Program will not be providing this vaccine. Merck anticipates ProQuad® will not be available through the remainder of 2011.

New ACIP Tdap Recommendation

ACIP now recommends that Tdap be administered to children 7 through 18 years of age who have received tetanus and diphtheria containing vaccines (DT or Td) instead of DTP/DTaP for some or all doses of the childhood series; have received fewer than 5 doses of DTP/DTaP or 4 doses if the fourth dose was administered at age 4 years or older; or have never been vaccinated against tetanus, diphtheria, or pertussis (no doses of pediatric DTP/DTaP/DT or Td). The preferred schedule is a single Tdap dose, followed by a dose of Td four weeks after the first dose and a second dose of Td 6-12 months later. If not administered as the first dose, Tdap can be substituted for any of the other Td doses in the series.

Sanofi Tripedia®

Sanofi will no longer be making DTaP in the brand name Tripedia®. Orders for Tripedia® can no longer be filled.

New ACIP Meningococcal Recommendation

- Administer MCV4 at age 11-12 years with a booster dose at age 16 years.
- Administer a dose at age 13-18 years if not previously vaccinated at 11-12 years.
- If a person receives the first dose at 13-15 years, administer a booster dose at age 16-18 years.
- Administer 2 doses at least 8 weeks apart for ages 2-10 years with persistent complement component deficiency and asplenia, and 1 dose every 5 years thereafter.
- Persons with HIV infection who are vaccinated with MCV4 should receive 2 doses at least 8 weeks apart.

Haemophilus influenzae type b (HIB)

ACIP recommends HIB vaccine for all children 6 weeks through 4 years of age. Children starting late may not need the entire 3 dose (PedvaxHIB®) or 4 dose (ActHIB®) series. The number of doses required depends on the child's age. AIPO has been informed that some providers do not vaccinate against HIB if the child has reached 3-4 years of age. However, ACIP recommends that all children 15-59 months of age need at least 1 dose if not previously vaccinated. The VFC resolution for HIB can be found at

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/downloads/resolutions/0608hib.pdf>

Immunization Reference Information

Several reference documents are provided in this packet. They include:

- 2011-2012 Arizona School Immunization Requirements, K-12th Grade
- Arizona Immunization Requirements for Preschool and Childcare
- Do Your Part for Vaccine Safety – Report to VAERS
- Standards for Child and Adolescent Immunization Practices
- Standards for Adult Immunization Practices

2011 ACIP Recommended Immunization Schedules

Providers can obtain the most current immunization schedules for children and adolescents at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/child-schedule.htm#hcp>.

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VFC Program Vaccine Wastage in 2010

In 2010, 94,294 doses of VFC vaccine was wasted due to vaccine expiring at provider sites or being stored in out of range refrigerator or freezer temperatures. The total cost of the wasted vaccine was \$1,912,555.61. Please assist the VFC Program to decrease vaccine wastage by monitoring your vaccine supply and refrigerator/freezer temperatures closely.

NIST Traceable Certified Thermometers

CDC requires monitoring of refrigerator and freezer temperatures where VFC vaccine is stored with thermometers that have been calibrated according to NIST standards. All VFC providers must purchase NIST traceable thermometers and have these thermometers recalibrated according to the recalibration date stated on the certification. Providers must keep their certifications available for reviewers to review during quality assurance site visits.

VFC Program Forms on ADHS Website

Many of the VFC forms are posted on the ADHS website. Some of the forms available are Vaccine Order/Reporting, Patient Immunization Log, Return & Adjustment, Forms Request, Temperature Log, Vaccine Availability, Packing, & CPT Codes, and other forms. The new 2011 Arizona VFC Operations Guide will soon be posted. The forms may be found at the following address: http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/immun/act_aipo.htm.

New CPT Administration Codes Will Not Be Used By AHCCCS

AHCCCS has evaluated two new vaccine administration CPT codes (90460 and 90461). AHCCCS has determined that these codes will not be used to bill for the administration fee of vaccine supplied through the VFC Program. AHCCCS will continue to require the use of the specific toxoid code with the SL modifier. Therefore, the billing for VFC vaccine administration will not change.