



Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

PROGRAM UPDATES

9/09

- **Hepatitis A Vaccine:** Havrix® (GlaxoSmithKline) pediatric vials and syringes are currently on backorder, and are expected to be available November 2009. VAQTA® (Merck) is available as an alternative. However, because Havrix® is unavailable, there is an increased demand for VAQTA®, and temporary outages of VAQTA® may occur at McKesson Specialty. McKesson Specialty will ship backorders for VAQTA® as soon as more supplies arrive at the vaccine distribution centers.
- **Seasonal Influenza Vaccine:** The VFC Program has received about 20% of its total FluMist® vaccine order. McKesson Specialty began distribution of these doses to public and private providers starting the week of September 7. The Labor Day holiday may have delayed some vaccine shipments until the week of September 14. As all formulations of flu vaccine become available, providers that pre-booked the vaccine will receive an initial partial shipment early in the vaccination season, followed by additional shipments later in the season.
- **McKesson Specialty:** McKesson Specialty currently ships vaccines Tuesday through Friday. However, during flu season, McKesson Specialty will start delivering flu vaccines Monday through Friday. To ensure viability of seasonal flu vaccine, McKesson will be using both 72- and 48-hour boxes. Do not return these boxes to McKesson Specialty; use local recycling programs for box disposal.
- **Novel H1N1 Influenza Vaccine:** Providers interested in administering novel H1N1 influenza vaccine should contact the Florida SHOTS Help Desk telephone line at (877) 888-7468. For public health information and updates on novel H1N1 influenza, contact the Florida Flu Information Line at (877) 352-3581 or visit the Department of Health website at www.MyFluSafety.com.
- **VFC Report Forms:** The VFC Program is not accepting the *Additional Vaccine Request Form*. Submit your *Vaccine Report Form* and *Varicella-Containing Order Forms* during your designated reporting schedule. You can access the revised vaccine order forms on the VFC Program website at www.immunizeFlorida.org/vfc/forms.htm. Contact your VFC Representative at (800) 483-2543 if you have questions about using the correct vaccine order form or don't know your vaccine reporting schedule.
- **VFC Contact Information:**

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