



Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

PROGRAM UPDATES

10/7/09

- **Hepatitis A Vaccine:** Havrix[®] (GlaxoSmithKline) pediatric vials continue to be unavailable. GlaxoSmithKline expects to have the vaccine available November 2009. The syringe presentation of Havrix[®] and Merck's product VAQTA[®] are available as alternatives. Because Havrix[®] vials are unavailable, there is an increased demand for Havrix[®] syringes and VAQTA[®]. Temporary shortages of both products may occur. McKesson Specialty will ship backorders as soon as vaccine supply becomes available.
- **Seasonal Influenza Vaccine:** Sanofi Pasteur is working diligently on producing both seasonal and H1N1 influenza vaccine. Unfortunately, delivery of seasonal flu vaccine has fallen short of projected goals, particularly on the .5 ml syringe presentation. Sanofi Pasteur is making all reasonable efforts to deliver both seasonal and H1N1 influenza vaccines as quickly as possible to complete vaccine shipment by the end of November. VFC is providing seasonal FluMist[®] vaccine as an alternative for seasonal influenza vaccine. To request seasonal FluMist[®] vaccine, complete the Influenza Vaccine Order form and fax it to (850) 245-4734. You can access a copy of this form on our website at www.ImmunizeFlorida.org/vfc/provider_manual/Influenza_2009_2010_Order_Form.pdf.
- **Vaccine Returns:** As a reminder, follow the McKesson Specialty nonviable vaccine return policy. Providers should return spoiled or expired vaccines in their original vials or pre-filled syringes. ***Providers should never return used syringes, with or without needles; broken vials; wasted products such as a syringe that was drawn up but not used; multidose vial from which some doses have already been withdrawn or expired diluent.***
- **H1N1 Influenza Vaccine:** Providers interested in administering H1N1 influenza vaccine and who expect to administer *less than 100 doses* of the vaccine should contact their local county health department to order the vaccine. Providers interested in administering *100 or more doses* of the H1N1 influenza vaccine should register on the Florida SHOTS[™] website at www.flshots.com. The deadline for VFC providers to register as an H1N1 vaccine provider is *Monday, October 12, 2009*. The Florida SHOTS[™] Help Desk telephone number is (877) 888-7468. For public health information and updates on H1N1 influenza, contact the Florida Flu Information Line at (877) 352-3581 or visit the Department of Health website at www.MyFluSafety.com.
- **H1N1 Vaccine Information Statements:** The 2009 Vaccine Information Statements for H1N1 influenza are located at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/downloads/vis-laiv-h1n1.pdf and www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/downloads/vis-inact-h1n1.pdf.
- **Varicella Vaccine:** Varicella vaccine orders are in backorder status. Merck anticipates resuming vaccine shipment by mid-October. *Do not* re-submit your varicella vaccine order.
- **VFC Contact Information:**

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