



Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

PROGRAM UPDATES

10/29/09

- **Hepatitis A Vaccine:** Havrix® (GlaxoSmithKline) pediatric vials continue to be unavailable through the VFC Program. We will replace the vaccine with Merck's product, VAQTA® (10-pack single dose vial), as an alternative.
- **GlaxoSmithKline:** GlaxoSmithKline plans to phase out their 5-pack pre-filled TipLok syringes and replace them with the new 10 pack over the next two years. The first product to undergo the transition is Havrix® pediatric formulation.
- **Kinrix Vaccine:** Both presentations of Kinrix® (GlaxoSmithKline) are unavailable for distribution at this time. VFC is replacing the vaccine with monovalent DTaP and IPV. McKesson Specialty should have vaccine in inventory by the middle of November.
- **Seasonal Influenza Vaccine:** Seasonal flu vaccination has begun but initial supplies are still small. More doses are expected for shipment by the end of November. We ask providers who want to order the .5 ml and .25 ml vaccines to be patient as more vaccine becomes available. VFC is providing FluMist® vaccine as an alternative. To request 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 http://www.ImmunizeFlorida.org/vfc/provider_manual/Influenza_2009_2010_Order_Form.pdf.
- **Varicella Vaccine:** Merck & Co. continues to ship varicella vaccine in intervals. *Do not* re-submit your varicella vaccine order if you submitted your vaccine order on October.
- **Hiberix® Vaccine:** For providers that submitted a request for Hiberix® vaccine this month, McKesson Specialty started shipping the vaccine this week. If you are ordering Hiberix® vaccine for the first time, use the Initial Hiberix® Vaccine Order form. For subsequent orders of Hiberix®, submit your vaccine request using the revised version of the Vaccine Report Form (enclosed). The revised Vaccine Report Form is posted on our website at <http://www.ImmunizeFlorida.org/vfc/index.html>.
- **HPV Vaccine for Male Patients:** The FDA approved the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine for males. The Bureau of Immunization is waiting for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to publish the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendation and the VFC resolution. The current HPV resolution limits the vaccine to VFC-eligible females 9 to 18 years of age. You can access a copy of the resolution on the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/downloads/resolutions/0608hvp.pdf>. The VFC Program will notify providers upon release of the resolution.
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