



Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

PROGRAM UPDATES

12/15/09

- **Important: Merck's Holiday Shipping Schedule for December to January 11, 2010:** Because the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Merck will be upgrading the electronic data interface, we are requesting our providers submit all **varicella vaccine orders to the VFC Program by Wednesday, December 16**. All varicella vaccine orders received after December 16 will not be approved until January 11, 2010. Submit your orders early to ensure you have enough varicella vaccine on hand to meet your clinic's needs. Merck will ship vaccine orders according to the provider's office hours schedule, with delivery no later than December 23, 2009. They will resume regular vaccine shipments the week of January 11, 2010.
- **MedImmune Seasonal-FluMist Replacement Program:** The VFC Program wants to inform you that MedImmune has initiated a voluntary replacement program of FluMist vaccine expiring on or before January 31, 2010. The MedImmune Replacement Program will allow the substitution of unused, expiring FluMist vaccine doses. You can contact McKesson Specialty at 1 (877) 633-7375 for information about the MedImmune Seasonal-FluMist Replacement Program.
- **Vaccines for Children Resolution No. 010/09-1 - Human Papillomavirus Vaccine:** The Bureau of Immunization is pleased to announce the release of VFC Resolution No. 010/09-1 for vaccines to prevent human papillomavirus disease. Resolution 6/08-2 is repealed and replaced. Resolution No. 010/09-1 was adopted and effective on October 21, 2009. The resolution is available online at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/downloads/resolutions/1009hvpv-508.pdf>.
- **Guidance on CSL's™ 2009 H1N1 Monovalent Influenza Vaccine and Differentiating Between Seasonal and 2009 H1N1 Live Attenuated Vaccine:** On November 11, 2009, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) expanded the approved use of CSL's™ 2009 H1N1 monovalent influenza vaccine to persons six months of age and older. The guidance is available on line at http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu/vaccination/csl_guidance.html.
- **Rotavirus Vaccine:** Rotarix® (GlaxoSmithKline) single dose vials are unavailable. We will replace the vaccine with Merck's product, RotaTeq® (single dose tubes), as an alternative.
- **VFC Provider Handbook:** This week providers will start receiving a copy of the revised 2009 VFC Provider Handbook in a CD format. The VFC Provider Handbook is also available on our website at <http://www.immunizeflorida.org/vfc/manual.htm>.
- **H1N1 Influenza Vaccine:** Do not return novel H1N1 influenza vaccine that expires or becomes unserviceable to McKesson Specialty. Providers must dispose of vaccine according to usual medical biosafety procedures. Fax a copy of the Novel H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Waste Form to Florida SHOTS at (850) 412-5801. The Novel H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Waste Form is available on our website at <http://www.immunizeflorida.org/vfc/index.html>.
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