



Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

PROGRAM UPDATES

June 2010

- **New Vaccines Available and Presentation Updates:**

- ◆ The Florida Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program reminds providers that two new vaccines, Cervarix and Menveo, are now available. ProQuad can be ordered for a limited time. These vaccines are available upon written request on the Vaccine Report Form and will be supplied to providers on the current replenishment ordering system.
- ◆ The following vaccines are only available in the presentations listed below:
 - ◇ DTaP Infanrix syringes now come in 10-pack single dose;
 - ◇ Pediarix is available in syringes only;
 - ◇ Ipol is available in multi-dose vials only.
- ◆ No vaccines are on allocation at this time.
- ◆ The Vaccine Report Form is updated on a regular basis to reflect these changes.

- **Requesting Brand Preference:** The VFC Program is proud that we are able to offer Florida providers their choice of vaccine. Providers must inform us in writing if they prefer to receive certain vaccines if it is a change from their past order history. Please use the additional page of the Vaccine Report Form, available online at <http://www.ImmunizeFlorida.org/vfc/forms.htm>, to notify the VFC Program staff of your request.

- **Update on HPV:** The VFC Program issued a new resolution, Resolution No. 010/09-1, on January 22, 2010, to allow permissive use of the quadrivalent HPV vaccine for VFC-eligible males 9 through 18 years old; and added the bivalent HPV vaccine to the VFC Program. For further reference, please refer to: http://www.ImmunizeFlorida.org/vfc/blast_fax/HPV_Resolution_1_19_10%20.pdf. For medical recommendation questions, please contact Laura Rutledge, QI/Clinical Manager, at (850) 245-4342.

- **Ordering Schedule Update:** The VFC Program rolled out our new ordering schedule, EOQ (Economic Ordering Quantity) on May 3. Many of our providers worked with us to place their orders in their assigned order window. As we move forward, we'll keep you informed of any changes and our progress. We want to encourage providers to continue their hard work and ensure they place their order at the right time. If you're unsure of your ordering window, please consult the EOQ Schedule (http://www.ImmunizeFlorida.org/vfc/provider_manual/EOQbyPIN.pdf). This schedule is updated on a monthly basis. Please contact your VFC Program representative if you have further questions.

- **Keep VFC Updated:** The Vaccine Report Form is the primary way of informing the VFC Program of what's going on in your practice. The VFC Program staff can fill your vaccine requests accurately and quickly as long as all the required information is provided correctly. Doses administered, current on-hand inventory, and VFC eligibility counts are necessary to process your order.

Use the additional page (<http://www.ImmunizeFlorida.org/vfc/forms.htm>) to notify the VFC Program about:

- ◆ Changes in hours;
- ◆ Vaccine brand and/or presentation requests;
- ◆ Request for additional vaccines for immunization events.

- **Recertification reminder:** Providers need to submit recertification every year to update their VFC account. This can be done online at: <http://www.ImmunizeFlorida.org/vfc/enrollment.htm>.

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