



Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

PROGRAM UPDATES

August 2010

Vaccine Update

- DTaP-IPV (Kinrix®) vials are currently not available. The Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program will substitute syringes until vials are available again .
- DTaP-Hep B-IPV (Pediarix®) is only available in syringes.
- IPV (Ipol®) is only available in multi-dose vials.

Ordering Different Brands of Vaccine—If you would like to order the same vaccine antigen in different brands, please add a note to the *Vaccine Report Form Additional Page* which brands you would like to receive and how to split the calculated amount. For example, it's calculated that you should receive 100 doses of a particular antigen. You have noted on the form that you need the antigen on a 70/30 split. You will receive 70 doses of Brand X and 30 doses of Brand Y. Please note that if you only need 10 doses, you will only receive one brand.

Seasonal Flu Return—All seasonal flu vaccine expired on June 30, 2010. Expired seasonal flu vaccine should be returned to McKesson Specialty Distribution. These vaccines should be in the original vials or manufacturer pre-filled syringes. Contact the VFC Program at (800) 483-2543 to request shipping labels. Be sure to include a copy of the *Vaccine Return and Waste Form* in the return box with the vaccine, fax a copy to the VFC Program, and keep a copy for your records.

H1N1 Flu Return—The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed a webpage with questions and answers about the Central Vaccine Recovery Program for providers who signed a Provider Agreement to administer 2009 H1N1 vaccine regarding the recovery of unused and expired 2009 H1N1 vaccine. This information is available at: http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/QA_Central_Vacc_Rcvry_Prog.htm.

Please contact HHS Service Supply Center to schedule pick-ups and request shipping labels. Their contact information is 1-800-642-0263 between 7:00 am to 7:00 pm EST, Monday through Friday. **Do not return H1N1 vaccine to McKesson Specialty Distribution.**

VFC Program Super Star—The VFC Program commends **Grace Medical Home** for their quick action on June 19, 2010. During a sudden power outage on Saturday morning, they received a phone call from their temperature monitoring system. They were able to retrieve their vaccine and transport it without incident to the back-up lab refrigerator two blocks away. By establishing an Emergency Response Plan and acting quickly, Grace Medical Home was able to keep all vaccine viable. Thank you to Grace Medical Home for being a VFC Program Super Star!

VFC Program Storage Tip—Place water bottles in the refrigerator door and drawers. This helps maintain a cool interior in case of refrigerator malfunction or power outage. It also ensures that vaccine is never kept in improper locations in the refrigerator.

VFC Contact Information:

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Fraud and Abuse Hotline: (866) 373-0644

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