



# Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

## PROGRAM UPDATES

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### Vaccine Update

- **DTaP-IPV** (Kinrix®) is currently not available. The Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program will substitute with monovalent DTaP and IPV vaccines until Kinrix is available.

### Seasonal Flu

- **Influenza Shipments:** The VFC Program has sent the first shipment of seasonal flu vaccine. The VFC Program will send additional shipments as more vaccine is released from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). These orders are based on the original pre-booked dose requests submitted by VFC Program providers.
- **MedImmune FluMist® Replacement Program:** MedImmune is running a voluntary FluMist Replacement Program for FluMist vaccine that expires on or before January 31, 2011. Please read the VFC blast fax ([http://www.immunizeflorida.org/vfc/blast\\_fax/2010-11\\_Influenza\\_Vaccine\\_Available\\_9-20-10.pdf](http://www.immunizeflorida.org/vfc/blast_fax/2010-11_Influenza_Vaccine_Available_9-20-10.pdf)) for details.

**H1N1 Flu Return**—The 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. Do not return needles, syringes, sharps containers, or other ancillary supplies with unused and unopened 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine. This information is available at: [http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/QA\\_Central\\_Vacc\\_Rcvry\\_Prog.htm](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.**

**Don't Get Shut Out**—VFC Program providers must keep delivery hours up-to-date with the VFC Program. These hours are necessary for vaccine shipments to arrive when the provider's office is open and staff is available to properly receive vaccine. Include times when the office is closed, such as lunch hours or early closings, or days when deliveries cannot be accepted. Providers initially submit the hours on the enrollment form and on their annual recertification forms. In addition to these opportunities, providers can use the *Vaccine Report Form Additional Page* to update or verify the hours the VFC Program has on file with any regular VFC Program vaccine order.

**VFC Program Storage Tip**—Keep VFC Program vaccine supply and your private vaccine supply separate in your vaccine storage unit. This will help your staff use the right vaccine for the right patient. It will also improve your vaccine inventory accountability when submitting your *Vaccine Report Form* to the VFC Program.

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