



Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

PROGRAM UPDATES

April 2012/May 2012

- **Vaccine Update:** Sanofi Pasteur has notified us that there is a shortage of Pentacel® resulting from a manufacturing delay that will reduce supply. This is not a safety or quality issue. Adjustments to VFC Program orders will be based on the availability of the vaccine. Providers may receive single antigen vaccines when combination vaccines are not available. At this time, supply for Daptacel® in the VFC Program is not affected. We will keep providers informed as any changes are made.
- **2012 Reenrollment:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requires that all VFC Program providers submit an annual reenrollment form. The VFC Program is notifying providers when the reenrollment is due based upon providers' ordering schedule.
 - ♦ Additional guidance will be included in the notification.
 - ◇ Providers **must** complete the newly-revised *Florida Vaccines for Children Program Provider Reenrollment Form*.
 - ◇ Every section of the form must be completed to meet this requirement.
 - ◇ An additional reenrollment must be submitted to the VFC Program when the provider (the "enrollee") who signs the agreement has changed.
 - ◇ The reenrollment form can be completed online at: http://www.ImmunizeFlorida.org/vfc/provider_recertification_form.htm or a PDF of the form can be found at: http://www.ImmunizeFlorida.org/vfc/provider_manual/reenrollment_form.pdf.
- **New VFC Vaccine Report Form:** The VFC Program issued a new *Vaccine Report Form* in March 2012. The form now includes the National Drug Code (NDC) for each vaccine. VFC Program providers are required to include the lot number and expiration date for vaccines administered and still in inventory. Providers are encouraged to develop systems to collect this information as soon as possible. At this time, orders will not be held if this information is missing or incomplete, but once it is required by the CDC, vaccine orders will not be processed without this information. The updated form can be found on our web site: <http://www.ImmunizeFlorida.org/vfc/forms.htm>.

Remember these tips when sending your *Vaccine Report Form* to the VFC Program:

- ♦ Write your VFC PIN at the top of each page.
 - ♦ Send all three pages of the report form.
 - ♦ If you have more than three lot numbers for a vaccine, include the lot number, expiration date, usage, and inventory numbers on the *Vaccine Report Form Additional Page*.
 - ♦ Circle your preferred brand and presentation and write your request on the *Additional Page*.
 - ♦ Usage and inventory are required for **all** vaccines when submitting a request.
- **You Spin Me 'Round:** Check the expiration dates of vaccines (especially now that it has to be included on the *Vaccine Report Form*!) and rotate your supply so you use vaccine that will expire soonest. Providers may be held financially responsible for vaccine that is allowed to sit in the refrigerator until it expires. Contact your VFC Program representative at the number listed below when vaccine is at least three months from expiring. We will work with you to try to find another VFC Provider who will be able to use the vaccine.
 - **VFC Contact Information:**
 - Telephone: (800) 483-2543
 - Fax: (850) 245-4734
 - Email: FloridaVFC@doh.state.fl.us
 - Fraud and Abuse Hotline: (866) 313-0644
 - Website: www.ImmunizeFlorida.org/vfc/index.html



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