



Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

PROGRAM UPDATES

June/July 2012

- **Vaccine Update:**
 - ◆ As we notified providers in the April/May 2012 VFC Program Update, Sanofi Pasteur is experiencing a shortage of Pentacel® resulting from a manufacturing delay. This shortage is still in effect. Providers may receive increased amounts of single antigen vaccines when combination vaccines are not available. We will keep providers informed as any changes are made.
 - ◆ Merck has announced that Vaqta® (Hepatitis A) and Recombivax® (Hepatitis B) vaccines will be available in a 6-pack syringe presentation. The VFC Program Vaccine Report form will be updated when these presentations become available for ordering and a blast fax will be sent with additional information.
- **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 schedules.
 - ◆ 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.doh.state.fl.us/Disease_ctrl/immune/vfc/provider_recertification_form.htm or a PDF of the form can be found at: http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Disease_ctrl/immune/vfc/files/reenrollment_form.pdf.
- **But It Doesn't Match!:** Check the contents of your VFC Program vaccine shipment against the included packing slip. Contact the VFC Program immediately if any of these items aren't the same:
 - ◆ Vaccine brand
 - ◆ Number of doses
 - ◆ Lot Number
 - ◆ Expiration date
- **Get a Plan!:** Emergency plans in the event of severe weather aren't just for people. Review your current Emergency Storage and Handling Plan and make any necessary updates. Don't have a plan? Use our template (http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Disease_ctrl/immune/vfc/files/emergency_response_plan.pdf) to get started. Make sure everyone on your staff is familiar with the plan and knows where to find it. Post it in an easily accessible area, such as on the vaccine refrigerator.
- **I Need Some Air:** Vaccine can be placed in uncovered storage baskets with slotted or open sides that allow for air circulation. Never use baskets with solid walls.
- **VFC Program 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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