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An Immunization Update from the Idaho Immunization Program (IIP)

## PENTACEL® SUPPLY DELAY

Sanofi Pasteur has notified the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) about a manufacturing delay for Pentacel® (DTaP-IPV/Hib combination) and DAPTACEL® (DTaP) vaccines. This has led to an immediate decrease in the doses available to customers nationwide. Until this delay is resolved, estimated to be in early fall 2012, Sanofi Pasteur is limiting orders for Pentacel®. Effective April 23, 2012, CDC has reduced Pentacel® vaccine allocations for each state's Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program to approximately 2/3 of the prior monthly distribution.

As CDC has adequate supplies of DAPTACEL® at the VFC Program's vaccine distribution center, no allocations or limitations for VFC orders of DAPTACEL® are in place at this time.

The impact of delivery delay is likely to be minimal on the routine childhood immunization schedule. VFC Program supplies for individual DTaP, IPV and Hib vaccines, available from all manufacturers, are sufficient to meet provider demand through the summer months. Doses for your patients should NOT be deferred or delayed.

In order to keep within the state's monthly allocation, the VFC Program is reducing all requests for Pentacel® to a limited monthly supply. These reductions are based on a practice's order frequency, historical vaccine usage and the State's allocation. To compensate for this reduction, ordering limits for individual DTaP, IPV and Hib vaccines have been increased.

## VACCINE UPDATES

### VACCINE INFORMATION STATEMENTS (VIS)

Meningococcal updated on 10/14/2012. Order the updated version from the IIP for immediate use. As soon as the updated version (10/14/2012) has been received by your office, recycle any previous versions.

Td/Tdap updated on 01/24/2012. Order the updated version for immediate use. As soon as the updated version (01/24/2012) has been received by your office, recycle any previous versions.

Hepatitis B updated on 02/02/2012. Please use your current supply and order additional as needed.

HPV (Gardasil) updated on 02/22/2012. Order the updated version for immediate use. As soon as the updated version (02/22/2012) has been received by your office, recycle any previous versions.

MMR updated on 04/20/2012. Please use your current supply and order additional as needed.

### Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids Adsorbed (Td)

Sanofi Pasteur will replace its current Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids Adsorbed (Td) vaccine, DECAVAC®, with TENIVAC®. This transition will take place over the next few months. As the supply of DECAVAC® vaccine is depleted, your office will be shipped TENIVAC®.

TENIVAC® vaccine is indicated for active immunization for prevention of tetanus and diphtheria. TENIVAC® is approved for use in persons 7 years of age and older.

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## VACCINE UPDATES CONTINUED

### Seasonal Influenza

2012-2013 Seasonal Influenza will be included in the Idaho Immunization Assessment. All pediatric 2012-2013 seasonal influenza vaccine will be supplied by the IIP for VFC and non-VFC eligible children. Do not privately purchase pediatric influenza vaccine for the 2012-2013 flu season.

Note: Pediatric vaccines funded by the Idaho Immunization Assessment will not be reimbursed by health insurance carriers for Idaho children.

## VACCINE RETURNS

Providers should send all state-supplied vaccine returns, including influenza and direct-ship vaccines, to McKesson Specialty Distribution. The vaccine(s) must be in the original vials or manufacturer pre-filled syringes. When wasted/expired vaccine needs to be returned to McKesson Specialty Distribution, your office must contact the IIP to request a return label. The return label will be sent to your office via the U.S. Postal Services and should arrive within 7 to 10 business days.

A copy of the completed McKesson Return Form must be included with the vaccine. Another copy must be submitted to the IIP.

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