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**TO:** Prevention Partnership Providers and  
Local Public Health Units

**FROM:** Tatia Hardy, VFC/AFIX Coordinator

**RE:** Changes to State-Supplied PPV23, Td/Tdap, and Shingles Vaccines

**DATE:** May 27, 2010

**Beginning immediately, state-supplied 23-valent pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPV23) may be ordered for uninsured and underinsured adults ages 19 and older who are at high risk for pneumococcal disease.** People at high-risk for pneumococcal disease include people 65 years of age and older and people with chronic illness such as chronic cardiovascular disease (e.g., congestive heart failure or cardiomyopathies), chronic pulmonary disease (e.g., COPD or emphysema), diabetes mellitus, alcoholism, chronic liver disease (cirrhosis), or CSF leaks. In 2008, PPV23 was also recommended for adult smokers and those with asthma. PPV23 for uninsured and underinsured adults is a permanent state-supplied program and is not just for a limited time.

**Beginning immediately and for a limited time only, state-supplied Td and Tdap may be used for anyone, including those with insurance. State-supplied Td and Tdap may be ordered for individuals with insurance until September 30, 2010. After September 30, 2010, state-supplied Td and Tdap may only be ordered for uninsured and underinsured adults, new parents/guardians/caregivers (including insured) of infants younger than 12 months, and Vaccines For Children (VFC) eligible children.** A one-time dose of Tdap is recommended for all adolescents and adults (younger than 65) to replace a dose of Td. Td should be used for adults ages 65 and older. For adolescents, waiting at least 5 years between Td and Tdap is encouraged, but not required. For adults, waiting at least 2 years since the last dose of Td is suggested, but not required.

A statewide news release will be distributed at the end of June notifying the public of the availability of state-supplied Td and Tdap for a limited time. **This is an excellent time for health systems to conduct mass vaccination of employees with Tdap.**

**Due to national supply issues, state-supplied shingles vaccine for local public health units to administer to people 60 and older is not available until further notice.** It is unknown at this time, when state-supplied shingles vaccine will be available again.

As with all state-supplied vaccines, the maximum administration fee that may be charged is \$13.90.

An updated Vaccine Coverage Table is attached.

Please feel free to contact the NDDoH Immunization Program with any questions or concerns at 701.328.3386 or toll-free at 800.472.2180.

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