



MEMO

TO: Prevention Partnership Providers and
Local Public Health Units

FROM: Molly Sander, MPH
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RE: NDDoH-Supplied Vaccine Update

DATE: June 13, 2011

The 2011 North Dakota Legislative Assembly passed legislation requiring the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) to supply vaccines for insured children at local public health units using federal 317 vaccine and state funding.

- Effective **October 1, 2011**, North Dakota local public health units will begin ordering vaccines from the NDDoH for insured North Dakota children. For a short time period until private vaccine inventories are depleted, local public health units may have some private vaccines for insured children as well as NDDoH-supplied vaccines on hand.
- Private providers and local public health units may continue to order vaccines for Vaccines for Children (VFC) eligible children ages 18 and younger who are either Medicaid-eligible, American Indian, uninsured, or underinsured (regardless of state of residence).
- The NDDoH will continue to supply the hepatitis B birth dose to birthing hospitals for administration to VFC (regardless of state of residence) and insured North Dakota children.
- The NDDoH will continue to supply human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to uninsured and underinsured North Dakota adults.
- Private providers should continue to purchase private supplies of vaccine for insured children and bill insurance for the cost of the vaccine and the administration fee.

All other “special” immunization initiatives (i.e., Tdap, MMR, and PPV23 for uninsured and underinsured adults, Tdap for new parents, MCV4 for college freshman, etc.) will be discontinued as of October 1, 2011. This means that providers may order vaccines for these programs through September 30, 2011 and may administer vaccines for these programs until December 31, 2011. Providers may not stockpile doses. Vaccine orders for these programs will be adjusted as needed to allow providers to only have a maximum three-month supply.

Enclosed are separate copies of the Vaccine Coverage Tables, effective July 1, 2011 and October 1, 2011.

For your reference, the final version of this legislation (Senate Bill 2276) is available at www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/62-2011/documents/11-0713-08000.pdf.

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.