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MEMORANDUM

TO: North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) Providers

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SUBJECT: Availability of Quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine, Gardasil®, for VFC-Eligible Males

The purpose of this memo is to notify providers that effective immediately, males from age 9 years through 18 years who meet Vaccines for Children (VFC) eligibility criteria, may be administered state-supplied human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, Gardasil®.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently updated recommendations, and approved the use of quadrivalent HPV vaccine for males. Previously, this vaccine was recommended only for females. Complete provisional recommendations may be found at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/provisional/downloads/hpv-vac-dec2009-508.pdf>

The ACIP provisional recommendations state that the 3-dose series of quadrivalent HPV vaccine, Gardasil®, may be given to males aged 9 through 26 years to reduce the likelihood of acquiring genital warts. Ideally, vaccine should be administered before potential exposure to HPV through sexual contact. As a result of this recent recommendation, the quadrivalent HPV vaccine, Gardasil®, which has previously been available through the NCIP for females only, will now also be available for males. **In order to be eligible for NCIP supplied Gardasil®, females and males must be 9 through 18 years of age and meet one or more of the following VFC eligibility criteria:**

- Medicaid-eligible
- Uninsured
- Indian (American Indian or Alaskan native)
- Underinsured

Providers wishing to vaccinate persons ages 9 through 18 years of age who are not VFC-eligible (that is, fully insured) and anyone 19 through 26 years of age will need to privately purchase vaccine for those patients. Updated coverage criteria will be available soon on the Immunization Branch web site: <http://www.immunizenc.com/coveragecriteria.htm>

Questions should be addressed to your Regional Nurse Consultant, or the Immunization Branch at 919-707-5550.

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