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**TO:** North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) Participants

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**SUBJECT:** Clarification on Coverage Criteria for the 2012-2013 Flu Season

The purpose of this memo is to clarify coverage criteria shared in the July 3, 2012 flu season memo. The memo contained inconsistencies in the coverage information in the text versus the vaccine table. The correct coverage criteria are as they appear in the paragraph and table below.

**Influenza vaccine provided by the NCIP is available for children 6 months through 18 years of age who are eligible for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. Additionally, regardless of age or insurance status, persons attending a North Carolina college or university, and close contacts of infants who are less than 6 months of age are eligible for NCIP inactivated influenza vaccine (TIV).** Close contacts include, but are not limited to, household members, clinical staff, day care personnel, etcetera, of any age. Because there is no federal contract for LAIV this year, the NCIP will not be able to provide LAIV for adults. For complete NCIP vaccine coverage criteria and VFC categories, go to: <http://www.immunize.nc.gov/providers/coveragecriteria.htm>

Influenza products available through NCIP this influenza season:

Presentation	NCIP Age Criteria	Products
Preservative-free TIV .25mL prefilled syringes 10 doses per box	VFC children 6 through 35 months of age	Fluzone® (sanofi pasteur) CPT®: 90655
Preservative-free TIV .5mL single dose vials 10 vials per box	VFC children 36 months through 18 years of age Persons of any age attending an NC college or university, and close contacts (of any age) of infants who are less than 6 months of age	Fluzone® (sanofi pasteur) CPT®: 90656
Preservative-free TIV .5mL prefilled syringes 10 doses per box	VFC children 36 months through 18 years of age Persons of any age attending an NC college or university, and close contacts (of any age) of infants who are less than 6 months of age	Fluarix® (GlaxoSmithKline) Fluzone® (sanofi pasteur) CPT®: 90656
Preservative-containing TIV 5mL multi-dose vial .25mL dose for persons aged 6 through 35 mos. .5mL dose for persons aged 36 mos. through 18 yrs.	VFC children 6 months through 18 years of age Persons of any age attending an NC college or university, and close contacts (of any age) of infants who are less than 6 months of age	Fluzone® (sanofi pasteur) CPT® (.25mL): 90657 CPT® (.5mL): 90658
Preservative-free LAIV 10 dose sprayers per box	VFC children 2 through 18 years of age <b>No adults may receive state-supplied LAIV.</b>	FluMist® (MedImmune) CPT®: 90660

We apologize for any confusion this discrepancy may have caused.

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