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MEMORANDUM

TO: North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) Providers

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SUBJECT: Availability of Pediarix[®] Vaccine, Combination DTaP, Hep B, and IPV Vaccine

The purpose of this memo is to alert providers of a recent notification from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding the availability of Pediarix[®], the combination diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis (DTaP), hepatitis B (Hep B), and inactivated poliovirus (IPV) vaccine. A decrease in Pediarix[®] supply was announced by our program on May 15, 2013; however, as of August 1, 2013, the manufacturer was able to provide adequate supplies of Pediarix[®].

Effective immediately, providers using the North Carolina Immunization Registry may begin ordering Pediarix[®] on the New Order screen, and providers not using the NCIR may immediately begin submitting orders for Pediarix[®].

Providers should draw down their supplies of the individual vaccines (DTaP, Hep B, and IPV) or other combination vaccines as appropriate so as not to have wasted vaccine. Providers who let the individual or other combination vaccines expire because of a preference for Pediarix[®] will be subject to the financial restitution policy (available at: <http://bit.ly/nciprestitution>) and will be charged for the cost of vaccine wasted. NCIP will be closely monitoring vaccine orders to ensure minimal loss of these individual vaccines.

Please contact our Help Desk at 1-877-873-6247 for guidance on ordering vaccine.

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