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MEMORANDUM

TO: North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) Participants

FROM: Wendy Holmes, R.N., Head *WH*
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SUBJECT: State-Supplied Human Papillomavirus 9-Valent (9vHPV) Vaccine

The purpose of this memo is to announce the availability of human papillomavirus 9-valent (9vHPV) vaccine, trade name Gardasil 9™ to North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) providers effective immediately. The new 9vHPV vaccine is manufactured by Merck and Co., Inc. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends Gardasil 9 as one of three HPV vaccines that can be used for routine vaccination initiated at 11 or 12 years of age. For complete vaccine recommendations please review the updated MMWR <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6411a3.htm>

If vaccination providers do not know or do not have available the HPV vaccine product previously administered, or are in settings transitioning to 9vHPV, any available HPV vaccine product may be used to continue or complete the series for females for protection against HPV types 16 and 18; 9vHPV or 4vHPV may be used to continue or complete the series for males. There are no data on efficacy of fewer than 3 doses of 9vHPV.

Remember that HPV provided by the NCIP is only available for VFC eligible children 9 through 18 years of age. Please see the most recent NCIP coverage criteria available here: www.immunize.nc.gov/providers/coveragecriteria.htm.

Effective immediately, providers using the North Carolina Immunization Registry (NCIR) may begin ordering 9vHPV on the New Order screen, and providers not using the NCIR may immediately begin submitting orders for 9vHPV using the updated Vaccine Requisition Form located on our website. Please continue to manage your current supplies of human papillomavirus 4-valent (4vHPV) vaccine to prevent these vaccines from expiring.

For additional vaccine information or assistance please contact the Immunization Help Desk at 1-877-873-6247, or your Regional Immunization Nurse Consultant.

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