MEMORANDUM

TO: North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) Providers

FROM: Wendy Holmes, RN, Head Immunization Branch

SUBJECT: Changes in Immunization Consultant Staffing and Regional Assignments

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce Heather Goodson, RN as the new regional immunization nurse consultant for the greater triad region as well as changes in regional assignments for the NCIP nurse and program consultants. This change is effective immediately. Please see the enclosed maps for details and post them in an area that staff may access as needed.

The Regional Immunization Nurse Consultants provide extensive clinical information on the immunization program; vaccine administration recommendations; vaccine ordering, storage, and handling; immunization schedules; and state and federal rules and laws. They also provide education and assess compliance with immunization program requirements through compliance site visits. Gina Holland, RN serves as Field Supervisor for the Nurse Consultants; however, the Consultant assigned to your county is your first point of contact for clinical immunization-related questions.

The Regional Immunization Program Consultants provide extensive consultation and information on the immunization program, the North Carolina Immunization Registry (NCIR), and immunization rules, laws, and recommendations. They also provide education and assess immunization coverage levels through Assessment, Feedback, Incentive, and eXchange (AFIX) visits. Isabel Reynolds serves as the Field Supervisor for the Program Consultants; however, the Consultant assigned to your county is your first point of contact for programmatic or AFIX related questions.

Regional Immunization Nurse Consultants and Regional Immunization Program Consultants provide services at the following VFC-enrolled locations:

- Private provider offices
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Rural Health Centers (RHC)
- Hospitals
- Native American clinics
- Local health departments
- School-based/school-linked centers

Any questions about this change should be addressed to Beth Meadows, RN, MSN, Field Service Unit Manager, at 919-707-5570, in the Immunization Branch central office.

Attachment