MEMORANDUM

TO: North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) Providers

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SUBJECT: Restored Availability of Certain Adult Products

The purpose of this memo is to notify providers of restored availability of certain vaccine products. On December 15, 2011, providers were notified of certain vaccines (Menactra®, Decavac®, and Adacel®) no longer being available for patients 19 and older because of changes in the manufacturer’s contracts with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Effective immediately, providers will be able to resume ordering the currently available meningococcal, Td, and Tdap vaccine products. These vaccines include Menactra® and Menveo® (meningococcal), Tenivac® (replacing Decavac®) and MassBiologics TD (TD), and Adacel® and Boostrix® (Tdap).

Providers will need to use vaccine products according to the current NCIP Coverage Criteria document and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Please refer to memos dated August 21, 2012 for upcoming program changes, particularly regarding the use of vaccines for adult patients. The coverage criteria and memos may be found on the NCIP website at: www.immunize.nc.gov

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