MEMORANDUM

TO: North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) Providers

FROM: Beth Rowe-West, RN, BSN, Head Immunization Branch

SUBJECT: Flu Reminders and Announcement of Release of Stockpiled Flu Vaccine

The purpose of this memo is to remind providers of a few flu vaccine details, and to announce the release of vaccine from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It is not too late to vaccinate against the flu virus. Because of this year’s early incidence of disease, the CDC has started releasing vaccine from the national stockpile. This means that there will be a limited number of additional flu vaccine doses available as multi-dose and single-dose vials to North Carolina’s providers, which may only be administered to Vaccines for Children (VFC) eligible patients.

Any multi-dose vials or single-dose vials of flu vaccine from the CDC stockpile received after February 25, 2013 may be given only to VFC patients. As a reminder, VFC-eligible is defined as children through 18 years of age who meet at least one of the following criteria: Medicaid eligible, American Indian/Alaska Native, uninsured, and underinsured. Note: Only certain providers--local health departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Centers, and a small number of previously approved private providers serving geographically underserved areas--may administer VFC vaccines to underinsured children.

The NCIP also has the following two products available while supplies last for anyone meeting the age criteria below, regardless of their insurance status:

- .25cc prefilled syringes (TIV), for children 6 months through 35 months of age
- Intranasal sprayers (LAIV, FluMist®), for children 2 years through 18 years of age

Keep in mind that any FluMist® ordered from this point forward will not qualify for the MedImmune FluMist® replacement program, since that program ended for doses expiring on January 31, 2013. An updated flu vaccine order form is attached for your convenience.

If you have questions about NCIP flu vaccine, please contact our Help Desk at 1-877-873-6247.

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NORTH CAROLINA IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (NCIP)
2012-2013 REQUEST FOR INFLUENZA VACCINE

Date: ___________________________________

Provider or Facility Name: __________________________________________________

Provider or Facility Address: _______________________________________________

Contact Name: ___________________________________________________________

Phone Number: ___________________________________________________________

The following presentations of influenza are vaccine available for providers to administer to anyone meeting the age criteria, **regardless of their insurance status**:

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<th>Criteria</th>
<th>Vaccine</th>
<th>Preparation</th>
<th>Age Group Covered</th>
<th>Requested Dose Amounts</th>
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<tr>
<td>Universal</td>
<td>Inactivated Injectable</td>
<td>0.25mL prefilled syringes*</td>
<td>6 months – 35 months</td>
<td>DOSES</td>
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<td>Universal</td>
<td>Live-Attenuated Intranasal</td>
<td>nasal sprayers*</td>
<td>2 years – 18 years</td>
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The following presentations of influenza vaccine are part of the national stockpile and are available for providers to administer to **Vaccines for Children (VFC) eligible patients only**:

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<td>Inactivated Injectable</td>
<td>multi-dose vials</td>
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<td>VFC Only</td>
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<td>0.5mL single-dose vials*</td>
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*Preservative-free product*

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Please complete this form with your requested influenza vaccine doses. **Requests must be submitted via fax (1-800-544-3058) or e-mail (flu.2012-2013@dhhs.nc.gov).**

You may call the Immunization Branch Customer Service line at 1-877-873-6247, with any questions you may have regarding this process.