MEMORANDUM

TO: North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) Participants

FROM: Wendy Holmes, RN, Acting Head Immunization Branch

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Immunization Branch
1917 Mail Service Center
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Fax: 1-800-544-3058
Email: ncirhelp@dhhs.nc.gov

Continued enrollment in the NCIP/VFC Program will enhance your ability to provide federally funded vaccines to VFC eligible children and reduces your out of pocket costs. Providers not returning a signed 2014 agreement and an updated profile will be unable to order state-supplied vaccine.


If you need assistance with completing the forms call our customer service team at the Immunization Help Desk, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 1-877-873-6247.

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Although it is not necessary to renew the memorandum of understanding for deputizing and oversight of VFC providers to provide VFC purchased vaccine to entitled underinsured children on an annual basis, please notify the Immunization Branch staff immediately if your office no longer wishes to be considered a deputized provider.


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3. Agree not to charge an administration fee to an individual who states they are unable to pay and never withhold state supplied vaccine due to an individual’s inability to pay the administration fee.

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2014 LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT VACCINE AGREEMENT

The purpose of this agreement is to authorize LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT [NCA000000] to receive vaccines from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. The conditions of the agreement listed below are effective through December 31, 2014.

14. Reconcile NCIR inventory at least monthly and order vaccine no more than once per month, with a goal of ordering once every other month to every three months. Any provider who stores state-supplied vaccine during non-clinic hours should place orders independently, using a unique PIN number and Provider Agreement.

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17. Allow periodic, federally required VFC site visits or inspection of vaccine supplies and records as requested by the Immunization Branch.

18. The health department shall pay the cost of state supplied vaccines that were wasted through the health department’s failure to properly store, handle, or rotate the vaccine. See the most recent Financial Restitution Policy.

19. Notify the Immunization Branch thirty days prior to a change in the health department’s shipping and mailing address or health director who signed this agreement.

20. Report adverse reactions as they occur directly to Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS). Add an appropriate client comment in NCIR.

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I understand the terms of this agreement and agree to comply with this agreement and the rules promulgated by the State of North Carolina.

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15. Store vaccine on hand according to the most recent NCIP Minimum Required Vaccine Ordering, Handling and Storage Procedures, which requires maintaining of proper temperatures, the use of approved storage units, and immediately removing expired vaccine from stock. Record temperatures twice a day and keep temperature logs for a minimum of three years. Report out-of-range temperatures to the Immunization Branch immediately.

16. Ensure a Vaccine Disaster Recovery Plan is completed, posted on the vaccine unit, updated annually, read by current and new staff, and updated as staff change.

17. Allow periodic, federally required VFC site visits or inspection of vaccine supplies and records as requested by the Immunization Branch.

18. The provider shall pay the cost of state supplied vaccines that were wasted through the provider’s failure to properly store, handle, or rotate the vaccine. See the most recent Financial Restitution Policy.

19. Notify the Immunization Branch thirty days prior to a change in the provider/agency’s shipping and mailing address or lead physician who signed this agreement.

20. Report adverse reactions as they occur directly to Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS).

21. Report all suspected or confirmed cases of vaccine preventable diseases to the local health department within 24 hours as specified in GS 130A-135 and 10A NCAC 41A .0101.

The Immunization Branch or provider may terminate this agreement at any time for personal reasons or if the provider fails to comply with conditions 1 through 21. The provider is required to comply with any additional VFC requirements as the CDC or NCIP may from time to time impose. Upon termination, the provider must properly store, handle, transfer, and return all viable, unused NCIP vaccine. All suspensions of eligibility shall be in accordance with G.S. 130A. Individuals and facilities on the “List of Excluded Individuals and Entities” published by the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General are prohibited from participating in federally-funded health care programs including the VFC program.

I understand the terms of this agreement and agree to comply with this agreement and the rules promulgated by the State of North Carolina.

________________________  DR. DOCTOR DOCTOR  123456789-01  555-1212  ______________________
Physician’s Signature  Physician’s Name  Federal Tax ID  Physician’s  Date
(DO NOT USE A STAMP)  (PRINT OR STAMP)  # for the Facility  Medical License #
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INSTRUCTIONS

PURPOSE:
This document constitutes a legal agreement under which the North Carolina Immunization Branch may provide vaccines to a private provider to immunize patients.

PREPARATION:
1. Prepare an original and a copy.
2. Print or type the practice’s name.
3. The signature must be of a Medical Doctor or Doctor of Osteopathy licensed to practice medicine in North Carolina.
4. The physician's signature must be an original; a stamp is not acceptable.
5. The agreement shall be available for review by Immunization Branch personnel.

DISTRIBUTION:
1. Mail, fax, or email agreement to:
   Immunization Branch
   1917 Mail Service Center
   Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1917
   Fax: 1-800-544-3058
   Email: ncirhelp@dhhs.nc.gov

2. Retain a copy for your records.

DISPOSITION:
Completed (signed and dated) form must be retained until participation in the state-supplied vaccine program ends and for ten years following the end of the calendar year in which the agreement is terminated or for ten years following the year any vaccine recipient was immunized during the final year of the agreement. If a notice of a claim or lawsuit has been made, this agreement(s) should be retained until after final disposition of the claim or litigation (including appeals).

Supporting documents may be obtained at http://www.immunize.nc.gov/ or by calling 1-877-873-6247.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Fraud and Abuse Policy of the NCIP for VFC Vaccines: http://bit.ly/FraudAndAbuse
Vaccine Administration Record: http://bit.ly/AdminRecord
List of Excluded Individuals and Entities: http://bit.ly/OIGExclusions
Section 1

Facility Information

Verify the pre-printed information. If the information is correct, you do not need to do anything. If any of the information is incorrect, please draw a line through the incorrect information and print the correct information. PO Box information should be listed under the Facility Mailing Address. Enter your box number only if the post office does not deliver mail to your office. Vaccine will not be shipped to a PO box.

Section 2

Facility Type

Please select from only one column, and choose the option that best describes your facility type.

Section 3

Vaccines Offered

Select the “all ACIP recommended vaccines” if your practice administers all vaccines.

If your facility only administers select vaccines, choose each vaccine administered by your practice by filling in the circle beside each vaccine type.

Section 4

Preferred Method of Communication

The Immunization Branch often sends out information to providers. Please select your preferred method of communication.

Section 5

Vaccines for Children Contacts

Verify that the primary shipping name, as well as the corresponding contact information is correct. If so, you do not need to do anything. If the information is incorrect, please provide the correct contact person, with their contact information.

Provide your primary VFC Coordinator name. This is the person responsible for maintaining the requirements of the VFC program for your facility.

Per CDC guidelines, the VFC coordinator at each office must annually perform/complete one of the educational/training requirements listed in the memo dated 12/19/2012. Please select the box under the primary VFC coordinator contact person if your designee has completed the training requirement.

Provide a back-up name and contact information for your VFC Coordinator back-up.

Section 6

Provider Population

This information is generated from doses you have reported as administered in the North Carolina Immunization Registry (NCIR). It is a count of the number of individual children your facility reported administering vaccine to, by age category and VFC status (not the number of encounters). It is for the time period: 12/1/2012 to 11/30/2013. Patients seen in your office for influenza-only vaccine services have been included. If the information is incorrect, please draw a line through the incorrect information and print the correct information.

Please note that your office is unable to replicate the data in this report due to NCIR system limitations.

Billing data may be used to verify this information.

* If you do not use the NCIR – your data was calculated using your vaccines administered logs (VALs) and a seasonal formula.

Effective January 1, 2014, due to new eligibility rules and requirements under the Affordable Care Act, children that were switched from NC Health Choice to Medicaid should be documented as Medicaid.

Section 7

Physician Information

Please verify that all physicians listed are still part of your organization. If so, please verify their North Carolina medical license number and North Carolina Medicaid number (individual or group). If any of the information is incorrect, please draw a line through the incorrect information and provide the correct information (including removing any physicians no longer part of your practice). Add any new physicians in the spaces provided. Please be sure to include licensing and Medicaid information.

* Please attach a separate page if additional space is needed. If you attach additional information, please include the Provider PIN, located in the top, right-hand corner of each profile or page.
2014 North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) Provider Profile for: NCA000000

All health care providers participating in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program must complete this form annually, or more frequently if the number of children served changes or the status of the facility changes during the calendar year.

DATE COMPLETED: ___ ___ / ___ ___ / 2014

1. FACILITY INFORMATION (verify the information is correct):

   Facility Name: NC IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM
   Vaccine Delivery Address: 1917 MAIL SERVICE CENTER
   City: RALEIGH State: NC Zip Code: 27699
   Facility Telephone: (877) 873-6247 Facility Fax: (800) 544-3058

   Facility Mailing Address: 1917 MAIL SERVICE CENTER
   City (Mailing): RALEIGH State: NC Zip Code (Mailing): 27699

2. FACILITY TYPE (select best option):

   Private Facilities
   - Private Hospital
   - Private Practice (solo/group/HMO)
   - Private Practice (as agent for FQHC/RHC-deputized)
   - Community Health Center
   - Pharmacy
   - Birthing Hospital
   - School-Based Clinic
   - Teen Health Center
   - Adolescent Only Provider
   - Other

   Public Facilities
   - Public Hospital
   - Public Health Department Clinic
   - Public Health Department Clinic (as agent for FQHC/RHC-deputized)
   - Community Health Center
   - Tribal/Indian Health Services Clinic
   - Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
   - STD/HIV
   - Family Planning
   - Other

3. VACCINES OFFERED (select only one box):

   - All ACIP Recommended Vaccines
   - Offers Select Vaccines (indicate select vaccines administered, below)
     - DTaP
     - Hepatitis A
     - Hepatitis B
     - HIB
     - HPV
     - Influenza
     - Meningococcal Conjugate
     - MMR
     - Pneumococcal Conjugate
     - Pneumococcal Polysaccharide
     - Polio
     - Rotavirus
     - TD
     - Tdap
     - Varicella
     - Other, specify: ___________

4. PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION (update email as needed):

   - US Postal Service Mail
   - Fax
   - Email @ NCIRHELP@DHHS.NC.GOV

5. VACCINES FOR CHILDREN (VFC) CONTACTS:

   Vaccine Shipping Contact:
   DOCTOR DOCTOR Phone: (877) 873-6247 Email: NCIRHELP@DHHS.NC.GOV

   VFC Coordinator (primary): Phone: Email: __________

   [ ] Our VFC Coordinator has completed the VFC educational requirement for 2013.

   VFC Coordinator (back-up):
   Phone: Email: __________
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6. PROVIDER POPULATION (correct any incorrect information):

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<th># of Children WhoReceived VFC Vaccine by Age Category</th>
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<td>&lt; 1 Year</td>
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<td>Total Non-VFC:</td>
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| Total Patients (sum of Total VFC + Total Non-VFC)         | 0        | 0           | 0            | 0     |

* Insurance that does not include vaccines or only covers specific vaccine types.

7. PHYSICIAN INFORMATION (add or remove physicians as appropriate):

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<th>Physician Name:</th>
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<th>NC Medicaid # (Ind. or Group):</th>
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<td>555-1212</td>
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