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TO: Universal Childhood Vaccine Distribution Program (UCVDP) Providers

FROM: Beth Rowe-West, R.N., B.S.N., Head
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RE: Revised Vaccine Information Statements (VIS)

The purpose of this memo is to inform you that revisions have been made to four of the Vaccine Information Statements (VIS). The changes are described below.

1) DTaP VIS (5/17/07) has a minor update in Section 4 which now mentions Tdap. The Vaccine Injury Compensation Program and the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System web addresses have also been updated and the mortality rate for tetanus, in Section 1, changed (from 1/10 to 2/10) to correspond with current data.
2) Hepatitis B VIS (Interim) (7/18/07) includes minor changes throughout. Emphasis is given for the universal birth dose, vaccine series completion by 6-18 months of age, and vaccinating at-risk adults.
3) Inactivated Influenza Vaccine VIS 2007 – 2008 (7/16/07) has been updated for the current influenza season.
4) Live, Intranasal Influenza Vaccine 2007 – 2008 (7/16/07) – the published VIS for LAIV reflects the current licensing. However, Medimmune believes that FDA will approve expanded use of the vaccine (i.e., for ages 6 months to 5 years) this year, possibly before any of their vaccine has been shipped. If this happens, CDC will have to publish a new (interim) VIS because the indications for vaccine and vaccine contraindications will likely be different. Therefore, it might be prudent to postpone printing of the LAIV VIS until it is determined which VIS will be used.

The revised VIS can be accessed at http://www.cdc.gov/nip/publications/VIS/default.htm. Please recycle existing stocks and begin using the new versions.

If you have questions regarding this memo, please contact your Regional Immunization Nurse Consultant or the Immunization Branch Central Office, at 919-707-5550.

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