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TO: Hospitals Participating in the Universal Childhood Vaccine Distribution Program (UCVDP)

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

SUBJECT: Clarification for use of state-supplied Tetanus Toxoid and Diphtheria Toxoid (Td) and Tetanus Toxoid, Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) vaccines for adults

The purpose of this memo is to clarify the appropriate use of state-supplied Td and Tdap vaccines in the hospital setting for adult patients. Hospitals participating in the UCVDP can administer state-supplied Td and/or Tdap to clients presenting to the Emergency Department for wound management.

While state-supplied Td and/or Tdap vaccine may be provided to any patient who needs vaccine for wound management, specific restrictions exist for the use of state-supplied vaccines for other patients. The CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends administration of Tdap to adults in the groups listed below, and while we encourage you to offer Tdap according to these recommendations, program funding restrictions prohibit the use of UCVDP state-supplied vaccines for these adult groups.

- Adults aged 19-64 years should receive a single dose of Tdap to replace Td for booster immunization if they received their last dose of Td ≥ 10 years earlier and they have not previously received Tdap;
- Adults who have or who anticipate having close contact with an infant aged < 12 months (e.g., parents, grandparents aged , less than 65 years, childcare providers, and healthcare personnel);
- Healthcare personnel who work in hospitals or ambulatory care settings and have direct patient contact.

To review complete Tdap recommendations of the ACIP for adults, go to:
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5517a1.htm>.

All state-supplied vaccines administered must be documented on a Vaccines Administered Log (VAL) and submitted to the Immunization Branch to assure vaccine accountability.

If you have questions, please call our office at (919) 707-5550 or your Regional Nurse Consultant.

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