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MEMORANDUM

TO: UCVDP Providers

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SUBJECT: Materials Pertaining to Tdap/Mumps Immunization Rule Changes

The purpose of this memo is to announce the availability of materials that UCVDP providers can use to educate parents, students, and staff about the new school entry requirements for tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (Tdap) and mumps vaccinations.

On January 1, 2008, the administrative rule, **10A NCAC 41A.0401**, was changed, adding requirements for one booster dose of Tdap (tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis) vaccine to be given to the following age groups:

- **All individuals attending public school** who are entering the 6th grade on or after August 1, 2008, if five years or more have passed since the last dose of tetanus/diphtheria toxoid
- **All individuals not attending public schools** (i.e., private, home-school, non-traditional schools) who are 12 years of age on or after August 1, 2008, if five years or more have passed since the last dose of tetanus/diphtheria toxoid.
- **Individuals enrolling in college or university** for the first time on or after July 1, 2008, if a tetanus/diphtheria toxoid or tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis vaccine has not been administered within the past 10 years.

This administrative rule change also impacts mumps vaccination. Individuals will now be required to receive a second dose of mumps vaccine before enrolling in school, college or university for the first time on or after July 1, 2008.

The Immunization Branch has developed materials that UCVDP providers can use to educate parents and providers about these important rule changes. These items include: reminder/recall postcards for rising sixth grade students; reminder/recall postcards for students about to enter college; a fact sheet for parents of rising sixth grade students; a "Pocket Guide" for providers that lists all of the required vaccines by point of school entry; and a rule change flyer that contains details about the rule change and is available to providers as an educational resource. Attached



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you will find an order form that lists the materials available for providers to order, free of charge, from the Immunization Branch. These materials can also be found on our website at www.immunizenc.com and are available to be downloaded and printed.

Elementary and middle schools in North Carolina have also been notified of the rule changes and will be distributing information to the parents of rising 6th grade students. We would like to encourage you to start vaccinating any students affected by this rule change with Tdap and/or mumps vaccine. **Please remember that the two Tdap products available are approved for different age groups. Adacel (sanofi Pasteur) is approved for persons 11-64 years of age, and Boostrix (GlaxoSmithKline) is approved for persons 10-18 years of age.**

Questions regarding the changes in the tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (Tdap) and mumps vaccination requirements should be addressed to your Regional Immunization Consultant, or please call the Immunization Branch Central Office, at 919-707-5550.

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