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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Universal Childhood Distribution Program (UCVDP) Participants  
**FROM:** Beth Rowe-West, R.N., B.S.N., Head,  
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**SUBJECT:** Periodic Summary of Changes to the UCVDP Coverage Criteria

The purpose of this memo is to summarize changes the Immunization Branch has made to the UCVDP coverage criteria since June 1, 2008. As you know, the coverage criteria states which patients are eligible for state-supplied vaccines. Providers who administer state-supplied products to ineligible patients are subject to fraud and abuse policies.

The list below indicates the changes in the order they were made, beginning with the most recent updates, including the date of any memos that were distributed regarding the particular change. Past memos can be accessed on the Immunization Branch website at [www.immunizenc.com](http://www.immunizenc.com). Additional memos listing changes to the coverage criteria will be released periodically.

- **HPV:** The series must be completed prior to the 19th birthday. Patients no longer have until their 20th birthday to complete the series with state-supplied vaccine. Effective immediately.
- **Influenza:** Influenza vaccine is now available for all individuals 6 months through 18 years of age, and for all individuals enrolled in a North Carolina college, university, or community college. *This change is effective for the remainder of the 2008-2009 influenza season only.* Effective 12-1-08.
- **Rotavirus:** The availability of Rotarix® has changed the eligibility criteria for rotavirus vaccine to include children ages six weeks to seven months. See the coverage criteria for complete details on this change. Refer to the memo dated 12-1-08.
- **DTaP, polio, and Hib combination:** Eligibility requirements for the newly available vaccine, Pentacel®, were added. Refer to the memo dated 9-3-08.
- **DTaP/IPV combination:** Eligibility requirements for the newly available vaccine, Kinrix®, were added. Refer to the memo dated 9-3-08.
- **Meningococcal conjugate (MCV4):** Ages covered by this vaccine were updated to include children 10 through 18 years of age who are VFC eligible. Children 2-9 years of age who are at increased risk for meningococcal disease may also receive state-supplied vaccine. See the coverage criteria for more details on this vaccine.
- **Hep A/Hep B combination:** Eligibility for this vaccine, Twinrix®, was updated to include qualified persons who receive the vaccine at a local health department or at an enrolled Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Center. Refer to the memo dated 7-1-08.
- A statement was added to the end of the UCVDP coverage criteria document noting that state-supplied vaccines cannot be used by local health departments or private providers for off-site mass vaccination clinics without prior approval from the Immunization Branch unless the vaccines are required by law or for disease outbreak control. Refer to the memo dated 8-1-08.

For more details on these updates, please refer to the most recent version of the coverage criteria dated **December 5, 2008**. Given the potential consequences of giving state-supplied vaccines to ineligible patients, we encourage providers to regularly review the UCVDP coverage criteria document at: [www.immunizenc.com/Providers.htm](http://www.immunizenc.com/Providers.htm). All staff administering vaccines should be familiar with this document and a current hardcopy should be kept on or near your immunization refrigerator.

Questions concerning coverage criteria should be addressed to the Regional Immunization Nurse Consultant serving your region, or by contacting the central office at 919-707-5550.

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