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**TO:** North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) Providers

**FROM:** Wendy Holmes, RN, Head *WH*  
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**SUBJECT:** Availability of Meningococcal Serogroup B (MenB) Vaccines, Bexsero® and Trumenba®

The purpose of this memo is to announce to NCIP providers that the two meningococcal serogroup B vaccines, Bexsero® and Trumenba®, will be available through the NCIP effective **July 1, 2015**. Providers using the North Carolina Immunization Registry (NCIR) may begin ordering MenB on the New Order screen. Providers not using the NCIR may begin submitting orders for MenB using the updated Vaccine Requisition Form located on our website. All doses administered should be documented in the NCIR or on Vaccines Administered Logs (VALs).

Although the vaccines are the same type of vaccine, their composition and dose schedules are different, therefore they have different Current Procedural Technology® (CPT) codes. Bersero®, manufactured by Novartis, is described as meningococcal recombinant protein and outer membrane vesicle vaccine, serogroup B, 2-dose schedule, for intramuscular use. The CPT code for Bexsero is 90620. Trumenba®, manufactured by Pfizer, is described as meningococcal recombinant lipoprotein vaccine, serogroup B, 3-dose schedule, for intramuscular use. Trumenba’s CPT code is 90621.

Meningococcal serogroup B vaccines have been recommend by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) **only** for children ages 10-18 who are at increased risk for meningococcal disease attributable to serogroup B, including children with immune deficiencies and children at increased risk of a disease outbreak attributable to serogroup B. State-supplied MenB vaccines are for Vaccines for Children (VFC) eligible children only. VFC eligibility categories include:

- Medicaid eligible
- Uninsured
- American Indian or Alaskan native
- Underinsured children, children who have commercial (private) health insurance but the coverage does not include vaccines.

Please see the most recent coverage criteria available: [www.immunize.nc.gov/providers/coveragecriteria.htm](http://www.immunize.nc.gov/providers/coveragecriteria.htm).

Providers will need to purchase MenB vaccines for those patients who do not meet eligibility criteria for state-supplied MenB vaccine.

Please keep in mind that these products should be used for children in high risk circumstances, and that the other NCIP meningococcal vaccine products covering serogroups A, C, Y, and W-135 are still available for VFC children.

Any questions about the availability of these vaccines should be directed to our NCIP Help Desk at 1-877-873-6247.

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