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MEMORANDUM

TO: Universal Childhood Vaccine Distribution Program (UCVDP) Providers

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

SUBJECT: Changes in Immunization Regions and Regional Consultant Staffing

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce changes in county assignments for regional immunization program staff. These changes are effective immediately. Please see the enclosed contact list for details, and post in an area that staff may access it as needed.

The regional nurse consultants provide extensive clinical information on the immunization program; vaccine administration recommendations; vaccine ordering, storage, and handling; immunization schedules; and state and federal rules and laws. They provide enhanced consultation on the management of vaccine preventable diseases, including testing and treatment recommendations based on the most recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines. They also provide education and assess compliance with immunization program requirements through site visits at:

- private provider offices
- hospitals
- local health departments
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Rural Health Centers (RHC)
- Native American clinics
- school-based/school-linked centers.

Beth Meadows, RN, MSN serves as field supervisor for the nurse consultants, however, **the consultant assigned to your county is your first point of contact for immunization related questions.**

The regional program consultants provide extensive consultations and information on the immunization program, the North Carolina Immunization Registry (NCIR), vaccine products, immunization rules and laws, and recommendations and schedules at:

- private provider offices
- local health departments
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Rural Health Centers (RHC)
- Native American clinics
- school-based/school-linked centers.

Charles Philbeck, BA, serves as team leader for the program consultants, however, **the consultant assigned to your county is your first point of contact for immunization related questions.**

Any questions about these changes should be addressed to Wendy Holmes, Field Service Unit Manager, at 919-707-5570, in the Immunization Branch central office.

Attachment

cc: RICs SMT CO Staff Vaccine Manufacturers Steve Shore
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