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MEMORANDUM

TO: North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) Participants

FROM: Beth Rowe-West, RN, BSN, Head
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SUBJECT: Use of Current Supplies of State-Supplied Vaccine

The purpose of this memo is to clarify usage of your current inventory of state-supplied vaccine. As of December 1, 2009, the NCIP’s provision of vaccine is changing and we will no longer be able to supply as many vaccines universally as we have in the past. This means fewer vaccines will be available to all children regardless of insurance status. (See the memo dated October 30, 2009 for details.)

Providers have asked how to handle having more state-supplied vaccine in stock than they can administer universally before these changes occur. If you have state-supplied vaccine in stock on December 1st and your practice sees so few VFC-eligible patients that this vaccine would expire before you could use it, you may continue universal vaccination with those products until your inventory is equal to a 3-month supply for VFC-eligible patients.

Providers with questions should contact the Immunization Branch at 919-707-5550.

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