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TO: North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP)
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SUBJECT: Expansion in Coverage Criteria for State-Supplied Seasonal Influenza Vaccine

The purpose of this memo is to announce a change in the availability of state-supplied seasonal influenza vaccine. **Effective immediately**, influenza vaccine provided through the North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP), including vaccines ordered but not needed for school clinics, may be administered to anyone over 6 months of age according to ACIP recommendations for 2009-2010 seasonal influenza found on the CDC web site at: http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5808a1.htm?s_cid=rr5808a1_e

Please note that, because of the holiday shipping restrictions, providers who wish to receive influenza vaccine prior to January 4, 2010 may order their vaccine from the Immunization Branch anytime before 3:00 P.M. on Friday, December 11, 2009.

As is the case with all state-supplied vaccines, providers must be accountable for all seasonal influenza vaccine doses shipped to them. Providers using the North Carolina Immunization Registry (NCIR) should enter all doses administered in the registry. Providers not yet using the NCIR must report doses administered on a Vaccines Administered Log (VAL).

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the regional immunization nurse serving your region, or contact the Immunization Branch at 919-707-5550.

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