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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Health Departments

FROM: Beth Rowe-West, R.N., B.S.N, Head
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SUBJECT: *URGENT:* Availability of Combination Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (MMR-V) Vaccine, ProQuad®

The purpose of this memo is to announce the limited availability of the combination vaccine MMR-V, ProQuad®. Effective immediately, local health departments may order MMR-V vaccine to administer universally, that is, for all children 12 months through 12 years of age, regardless of insurance status.

On June 25, 2009, ACIP voted on updated recommendations for use of MMR-V vaccine and approved other MMR-V vaccine-related guidance. The updated provisional recommendations for use of MMR-V vaccine and implementation guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/provisional/downloads/mmr-v-oct2009-508.pdf>

Manufactured by Merck, ProQuad® will be supplied in 10-packs of single dose vials. It is a lyophilized vaccine to be reconstituted using only the accompanying sterile diluent. **The vaccine is in very short supply and is not expected to be available for more than a month.** When the supply runs out, we do not know when more will become available. This vaccine may be ordered through the North Carolina Immunization Registry for providers using NCIR.

Questions about ProQuad® may be addressed to the Help Desk at 1-877-873-6247.

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