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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Local Health Departments

**FROM:** Leslie A. Wolf, PhD, HCLD(ABB), Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Change in Funding for *Bordetella pertussis* Test Kits

The purpose of this memo is to notify local health departments (LHDs) that effective January 2, 2011, the Immunization Branch will cover the cost of *Bordetella pertussis* PCR and culture test kits for LHDs.

Effective January 2, 2011, LHDs will simply follow the same procedures for ordering the kits from the SLPH online ordering system, but will no longer have an invoice generated for the cost of the kits. Please be frugal in ordering the kits because the expiration date will be approximately two months. If the funds covering the costs of *Bordetella pertussis* kits are expended at a faster rate than expected, then the cost will be reinstated with advanced notice.

As a reminder, LHDs must keep at least two in-date *Bordetella pertussis* kits on hand at all times.

Questions on this should be addressed to Davelle Bunch, 919-707-5560.

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