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MEMORANDUM

TO: Select North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) Participants

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SUBJECT: Change in Coverage of Transition Vaccines

The purpose of this memo is to announce an expansion in the coverage for vaccines which providers received as transition vaccines. Previously, these vaccines were available for school age children who were not eligible for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. Effective immediately, transition vaccines may be administered to children universally, that is, all children birth through 18 years of age, regardless of insurance status.

Please note, this applies only to all transition vaccine. State-supplied vaccine (that is not part of the transition plan) received on or after June 30, 2010 must be administered according to the most current NCIP coverage criteria. The most current NCIP coverage criteria may be found at: <http://www.immunizenc.com/coveragecriteria.htm>.

State-supplied vaccine received before June 30, 2010 must be administered according to the June 14, 2010 NCIP coverage criteria. The NCIP coverage criteria documents may be found at: www.immunizenc.com/coveragecriteria.htm

Providers with short-dated vaccine are encouraged to rotate doses as necessary between transitional and VFC-only supplies to ensure that short-dated vaccine does not expire.

Providers should document all state-supplied vaccine, transitional and otherwise, in the North Carolina Immunization Registry (NCIR) or Vaccines Administered Logs (VAL).

Questions regarding this change in use of the transition vaccine should be addressed to your regional immunization nurse (RIN), or to the Immunization Branch central office at 919-707-5550.

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