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**TO:** North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) Participants  
Child Care Consultants

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**SUBJECT:** Rescinding Suspension of Requirements for *Haemophilus Influenzae Type B* (Hib)  
Vaccine Booster Dose

The purpose of this memo is to notify NCIP providers of the removal of the temporary suspension for the Hib booster dose, effective August 1, 2011. In January 2008, former State Health Director, Dr. Leah Devlin, announced a temporary suspension of the Hib booster requirement for children on or after 12 months of age. At that time there was a shortage of Hib vaccine caused by manufacturing issues. Because that shortage has now been resolved, we are now able to reinstate the requirement for the Hib booster as per 10A NCAC 41A.0401 which states the following Hib vaccine requirements:

- (6) *Haemophilus influenzae, b*, conjugate vaccine—three doses of HbOC or PRP-T or two doses of PRP-OMP before age seven months and a booster dose of any type on or after 12 months and by age 16 months. However:
  - (A) Individuals born before October 1, 1988 are not required to be vaccinated against *Haemophilus influenzae, b*;
  - (B) Individuals who receive the first dose of *Haemophilus influenzae, b*, vaccine on or after 12 months of age and before 15 months of age are required to have only two doses of HbOC, PRP-T or PRP-OMP;
  - (C) Individuals who receive the first dose of *Haemophilus influenzae, b*, vaccine on or after 15 months of age are required to have only one dose of any of the *Haemophilus influenzae* conjugate vaccines, including PRP-D;
  - (D) No individual who has passed their fifth birthday is required to be vaccinated against *Haemophilus influenzae, b*.

We encourage child care consultants to share this information with child care providers.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the regional nurse consultant serving your region, or contact the Immunization Branch at 919-707-5570.

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