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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) Participants

**FROM:** Beth Rowe-West, R.N., B.S.N., Head  
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**SUBJECT:** Discontinuation of Availability of Tripedia®, Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis (DTaP) Vaccine

The purpose of this memo is to notify providers that Sanofi Pasteur, manufacturer of Tripedia®, will no longer supply this product. The manufacturer anticipates that supplies will last through April, 2011, based on demand. Effective May 1, 2011, the NCIP will no longer be able to provide this product. We will be unable to fill any orders for Tripedia® received after 3 P.M. on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

The NCIP will continue to offer two other DTaP vaccines, Infanrix®, manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline, and DAPTACEL®, manufactured by Sanofi Pasteur. The following DTaP-containing combination vaccines will also remain available through the NCIP: Pediarix® (DTaP-Hep B-IPV), manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline; Kinrix® (DTaP-IPV), approved for the booster dose only, manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline; and Pentacel® (DTaP-Hib-IPV) manufactured by Sanofi Pasteur.

As is always the case with NCIP vaccines, your practice is accountable for the NCIP vaccine products in your inventory. **If you choose to order combination products in lieu of the vaccines contained in those products, the single products must be administered prior to the vaccine’s expiration date, or transferred to another NCIP participant who can administer them prior to the vaccine’s expiration date.** Situations in which providers allow vaccines to expire are subject to the “failure to rotate or transfer” clause in the NCIP restitution policy: <http://bit.ly/FinancialRestitution>

For questions regarding the use of these products, contact the Regional Nurse Consultant for your region, or the nurse on call in the central office at 919-707-5575. Questions regarding ordering vaccines should be addressed to the NCIP Help Desk, at 1-877-873-6247.

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