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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Beth Rowe-West, RN, BSN, Head,  
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**SUBJECT:** Expansion in Availability and Coverage Criteria for State-Supplied Influenza Vaccine

The purpose of this memo is to announce a change in the availability of state-supplied influenza vaccine for the current influenza season only. Because all pre-booked influenza vaccine has been shipped at this point, **providers may order additional influenza vaccine**. Also, **effective immediately**, influenza vaccine provided through the NCIP may be administered to **anyone over 6 months of age, regardless of insurance status**. Influenza vaccine should be administered according to the seasonal recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). The ACIP recommendations for the 2011-2012 flu season may be found at: <http://1.usa.gov/flu11-12>.

Because of holiday shipping restrictions, providers who wish to receive influenza vaccine prior to January 7, 2012, must order vaccine from the Immunization Branch before 3:00 PM Monday, December 12, 2011. An updated order form is attached for your convenience. **Providers may continue to use their private supply of flu vaccine, if they choose to do so, until that supply is exhausted.**

As is the case with all state-supplied vaccines, providers must be accountable for all influenza vaccine doses shipped to them. Providers using the North Carolina Immunization Registry (NCIR) should enter all doses into the registry. Providers not yet using the NCIR must report doses administered on a Vaccines Administered Log (VAL).

Please note that short-dated, state-supplied FluMist® is eligible for MedImmune’s FluMist® Replacement Program. The replacement program allows for the replacement of unused, expiring FluMist® doses at no cost, to help you maximize product usage opportunities. Information about this program is available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/forms/>.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the regional immunization nurse serving your region, or contact the Immunization Branch at 919-707-5550. Thank you for all you do to protect the health of North Carolinians.

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## NORTH CAROLINA IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (NCIP) 2011-2012 REQUEST FOR INFLUENZA VACCINE

**Please note that, because of holiday shipping restrictions, providers who wish to receive influenza vaccine prior to January 7, 2012, must order vaccine from the Immunization Branch before 3:00 PM, Monday, December 12, 2011.**

2011 – 2012 NCIP Influenza vaccine may be administered to **anyone over 6 months of age, regardless of insurance status.** Please refer to the December 8, 2011 memo for more information regarding expanded availability and coverage criteria for state-supplied influenza vaccine for the 2011-2012 influenza season.

Date: _____	Pin Number: _____
Provider or Facility Name: _____	
Provider or Facility Address: _____	
Contact Name: _____	Contact Phone Number: _____

We still have the following presentations of influenza vaccine available:

Vaccine	Presentation	Age Group Covered	Requested Dose Amounts
Inactivated Injectable	0.25mL prefilled syringes	6 months – 35 months	DOSES
Inactivated Injectable	Singledose vials	36 months +	DOSES
Inactivated Injectable	Multidose vials	6 months +	DOSES
LiveAttenuated Intranasal	Nasal sprayers	2 years – 49 years	DOSES

**Please complete this form with your requested influenza vaccine doses. Requests must be submitted via fax (1-800-544-3058) or e-mail ([flu.2011-2012@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:flu.2011-2012@dhhs.nc.gov)).**

You may call the Immunization Branch Customer Service line at 1-877-873-6247, with any questions.