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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Health Departments
FROM: Wendy Holmes, RN, Acting Head *WH*
Immunization Branch
SUBJECT: Expansion in Availability and Coverage Criteria for State-Supplied Tetanus, Diphtheria and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) Vaccine for Adult Patients

The purpose of this memo is to announce the expansion of Tdap vaccine availability in local health departments. Effective immediately, Tdap vaccine will be available for each pregnancy for uninsured women according to the revised coverage criteria below:

Local health departments (LHDs) may administer state-supplied Tdap vaccine to uninsured pregnant women 19 years and older (at any time during pregnancy regardless of prior vaccine history of Tdap, but preferably between 27-36 weeks gestation). In addition, uninsured postpartum women 19 years and older may receive one dose of state supplied Tdap if there is no documentation of a previous Tdap vaccination. Both pregnant and postpartum women must be being served by the LHD in any capacity.

Questions regarding this change in criteria should be addressed to the regional nurse consultant serving your region or to the NCIR Help Desk at 1-877-873-6247.

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