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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Wendy Holmes, RN, Head *WH*  
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**SUBJECT:** Release of New Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) Form

The purpose of this memo is to inform NCIP providers of the release of an updated VAERS form. The new VAERS reporting form can be found at: [https://vaers.hhs.gov/pdf/vaers\\_form.pdf](https://vaers.hhs.gov/pdf/vaers_form.pdf). Please begin using the new form immediately and discard any previous versions.

VAERS is a national surveillance program for vaccine safety that is co-sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). VAERS is a passive reporting system, meaning it relies on individuals to send in reports of their experiences to the CDC and FDA. Healthcare professionals are required to report certain adverse events and vaccine manufacturers are required to report all adverse events that come to their attention. VAERS reporting is also a requirement of the Vaccines For Children program.

Reports can be completed online, downloaded and submitted electronically, or faxed directly to VAERS. Please visit the VAERS website for current reporting options and instructions: (<https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html>).

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact your regional immunization nurse consultant or the Immunization Branch's on-call nurse at (919) 707-5575.

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