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MEMORANDUM

TO: North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) Providers

FROM: Carrie Blanchard, PharmD, MPH

Interim Immunization Director

SUBJECT: Changes in Immunization Regions and Regional Nurse Assignments

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce a change of assignment for the North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) nurse consultants. Congratulations to Gail Baker, RN who now serves as the Regional Immunization Nurse Consultant Supervisor for the NCIP Regional Immunization Nurse Consultants. Gail previously served in the role of Regional Immunization Nurse Consultant for more than 13 years prior to accepting this position. We congratulate Gail in her new role which is effective immediately. See the revised map for details.

As a reminder, the consultant assigned to your county is your first point of contact for clinical immunization-related questions. Please see the included map with contact information for all regional immunization nurse consultants and post it in an area that staff may access, as needed.

North Carolina's regional immunization nurse consultants provide extensive clinical information on the immunization program including:

- Vaccine administration recommendations
- Vaccine ordering, storage, and handling
- Immunization schedules
- State and federal rules and laws

They also provide education and assess compliance with immunization program requirements through compliance site visits. Regional immunization nurse consultants provide services at the following **Vaccines for Children (VFC)**-enrolled locations:

- Private provider offices
- Federally qualified health centers
- Rural hospitals' health centers
- Local health departments
- Native American clinics
- School-based/school-linked centers

Any questions about this change should be addressed to Beth Meadows, RN, MSN, Field Service Unit Manager by email at beth.meadows@dhhs.nc.gov or to Gail Baker, RN, at gail.baker@dhhs.nc.gov, Regional Nurse Consultant Supervisor.

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