Memorandum

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Subject: MDPH Immunization Division - 2020 Enrollment

In order to continue to receive state-supplied vaccines from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) Immunization Division/Vaccines for Children Program (VFC), providers are required to re-enroll annually. This year the enrollment period will begin January 6, 2020 and end January 31, 2020. All providers must re-enroll online using the Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS). If your site is registered but you are not an authorized user of the MIIS, please contact the MIIS Helpdesk at 617-983-4335 or miishelpdesk@state.ma.us.

Continued enrollment in the MDPH Immunization Division/VFC Program will enable providers to continue receiving vaccines at no cost. MDPH provides routinely recommended childhood vaccines universally to children through 18 years of age regardless of insurance status, except for meningococcal B (MenB) vaccines. MenB vaccines are only available for specific high-risk individuals 10-18 years of age and may be considered for healthy VFC-eligible 16-18 years olds (see Childhood Vaccine Availability Table).

Use of VFC vaccine for individuals that do not qualify for the VFC Program constitutes fraud and abuse and is punishable by law (Medicaid regulation: 42 CFR §455.15). Please keep your privately purchased vaccines separate from the state-supplied vaccines.

VFC Compliance Training
If you wish to continue participating in the MDPH Immunization Division/VFC Program, you must do the following:

1. Complete the Provider Re-enrollment process online by **January 31, 2020**.
2. Ensure that the Primary and Back-up Vaccine Coordinators have received a VFC Compliance and Storage and Handling training certificate during 2019. You may take the required **Annual**
Vaccines for Children (VFC) Compliance Training Webinar online.

If the re-enrollment process is not completed by **January 31, 2020**, you will be unable to order state-supplied vaccine.

Please note, the Guidelines for Compliance (Section A-6) reference the Vaccine Restitution Policy that has been in effect since January 1, 2011. This policy requires providers to provide restitution, in the form of privately-purchased replacement vaccine, for any doses of federal or state-purchased vaccines that have been lost due to the provider’s failure to properly receive, store, or handle vaccine inventory, under the following conditions: it is the 1st incident and the total loss is over $10,000; it is the 2nd incident (or greater) regardless of total value; it is due to a failure to immediately open a vaccine shipment from McKesson or Merck resulting in damaged vaccine regardless of total value; or it is due to a failure to store refrigerated vaccine in a refrigerator or store frozen vaccine in a freezer.

Additional supporting documents include:

1. Guidelines for Compliance with Federal Vaccine Administration Requirements
2. Provider Agreement to Comply
3. Vaccine Restitution Policy
4. SOP for Vaccine Management
5. Quick Reference Guide – Provider Enrollment
6. Vaccine Management Troubleshooting Log
7. Childhood and Adult Availability Tables
8. Vaccine Replacement Worksheet

If you have any questions about re-enrolling or other aspects of the MDPH Immunization Division/VFC Program, please contact the Vaccine Management Unit at (617) 983-6828.