



## MEMO

**TO:** Prevention Partnership Providers and  
Local Public Health Units

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**RE:** State-Supplied Vaccine Changes

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### **Uninsured/Underinsured Adults:**

Starting October 1, 2012, the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) Immunization Program will begin supplying additional vaccines for uninsured and underinsured (has insurance, but it does not cover a particular vaccine) adults. The immunization program already supplies human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine for uninsured and underinsured adults. On October 1, 2012, providers may also begin using and ordering state-supplied Tdap, meningococcal conjugate (MCV4), pneumococcal polysaccharide (PPSV23), and MMR vaccines for uninsured and underinsured adults. Any time a state-supplied vaccine is used, it must be entered into the North Dakota Immunization Information System (NDIIS). State-supplied vaccines administered to eligible adults (uninsured/underinsured) must be entered into the NDIIS as "other state eligible" in the VFC eligibility field. Vaccines for uninsured and underinsured adults may be administered regardless of state of residence. Insured adults should be entered into the NDIIS as "not eligible."

### **Hepatitis B Birth Dose:**

The birth dose of hepatitis B vaccine will continue to be supplied to all birthing hospitals in North Dakota for administration to Vaccines for Children (VFC) eligible and insured children. VFC eligible children include those who are 18 and younger who are either American Indian, Medicaid-eligible, uninsured, or underinsured. The state-supplied birth dose of hepatitis B vaccine may be administered regardless of state of residence. The birth dose of hepatitis B vaccine must be entered into the North Dakota electronic birth certificate based on the VFC eligibility criteria: "American Indian," "Medicaid," "uninsured," "underinsured," and if insured, "other state eligible." Insured children should not be entered as "not eligible," because they are eligible for the state program. The certifier's worksheet and electronic birth certificate have been changed to reflect these options. After entry into the electronic birth certificate, this data is then sent to the NDIIS.

### **Universal Local Public Health Units:**

Participating local public health units may continue to order vaccines for insured children. Insured children receiving state-supplied vaccines at local public health units must be entered into the NDIIS as "other state eligible."

### **Enclosed is an updated Vaccine Coverage Table.**

Please feel free to contact the NDDoH Immunization Program with any questions or concerns at 701.328.3386 or toll-free at 800.472.2180.