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TO: Prevention Partnership Providers
Local Public Health Units

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RE: Change in Middle School Immunization Requirements

DATE: January 29, 2014

Effective with the 2014 – 2015 school year, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis vaccine) and MCV4 (meningococcal conjugate vaccine) will be required for entry into seventh grade.

Previously, Tdap and MCV4 were required for “middle school entry,” which was defined as sixth or seventh grade, depending on the school district. In an effort to standardize and simplify middle school immunization requirements, the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) changed the North Dakota Administrative Rules (33-06-05-01) to specify the requirement as seventh grade.

For a complete listing of North Dakota school immunization requirements, please visit the immunization program website at www.ndhealth.gov/immunize/schools-childcare.

One dose of Tdap and one dose of MCV4 are recommended to be routinely administered at 11–12 years of age by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

In addition to Tdap and MCV4, the ACIP also recommends that all adolescents, ages 11–12 years, receive three doses of human papillomavirus vaccine. Adolescents are also recommended to have two doses of varicella vaccine, if they have not previously had disease. A second dose of MCV4 is recommended at age 16.

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.