



MEMO

TO: Prevention Partnership Providers and
Local Public Health Units

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RE: Pentacel[®] supply

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Pentacel[®] (DTaP/IPV-Hib) is currently experiencing a manufacturer supply delay. This delay will temporarily reduce the supply below the level needed to fully satisfy the market demand and is anticipated to last through the summer. The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) will be allocated approximately two thirds of the amount that is historically ordered on a monthly basis. **Providers may continue to place orders for Pentacel[®], but should expect to receive only about two thirds of the amount that your facility has historically ordered.** Sanofi pasteur is also placing ordering restrictions on privately purchased Pentacel[®] and Daptacel[®].

An option that providers may elect to implement during this supply delay is administering single antigen DTaP and Hib vaccines at the 12 – 18 month visit. Remember that the fourth dose of DTaP must be given at least six months after the third dose. The booster dose of Hib vaccine must be given at least 8 weeks after the previous dose.

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.