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**PLEASE COPY THIS FOR ALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS
IN YOUR PRACTICE**

TO: Health Care Providers

**FROM: Mick Bolduc-Vaccine Coordinator
Connecticut Vaccine Program (CVP)**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mick Bolduc".

DATE: April 22, 2013

SUBJECT: DTaP/IPV/Hep B (Pediarix[®]) vaccine supply

The primary purpose of this communication is to inform you of a temporary shortage of DTaP/IPV/Hep B (Pediarix[®]) combination vaccine.

DTaP/IPV/Hep B supply

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and Glaxo SmithKline have informed the Connecticut Vaccine Program (CVP) of a temporary nationwide shortage of DTaP/IPV/Hep B vaccine (brand name Pediarix[®]). The shortage of Pediarix[®] vaccine is anticipated to last 4 to 6 months and the CVP will only receive about ½ the amount of Pediarix[®] that we normally distribute each month.

Providers will still be able to order Pediarix[®] from the CVP during the shortage, however, we cannot guarantee that you will receive all the doses you request. We have a sufficient supply of single DTaP, IPV, Hepatitis B and Hib vaccines available to compensate for the current shortages of Pediarix[®] and Pentacel[®] combination vaccines. Providers should increase their orders for single DTaP, IPV, Hepatitis B and Hib vaccines accordingly to ensure that you have enough vaccine to fully immunize children based on the recommended schedule. A letter from Glaxo to health care providers regarding the temporary shortage of Pediarix[®] vaccine is included.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (860) 509-7940.



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Subject: PEDIARIX® [Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Adsorbed, Hepatitis B (Recombinant) and Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine] Supply Update

Dear Healthcare Provider:

On behalf of GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Vaccines, I would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of the steps GSK is taking with regard to supply for its combination diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis (DTaP) vaccine, PEDIARIX, in light of ongoing market supply constraints on combination DTaP vaccines.

In response to the shortage of combination DTaP vaccine from another supplier to the marketplace beginning in April 2012, GSK took steps to meet increased demand for its combination DTaP vaccine by increasing production.

Having recently become aware that the current marketplace shortage is now expected to continue into the summer of 2013, GSK will continue its efforts to increase production of PEDIARIX to help meet market demand. However, due to the long lead time required to manufacture vaccines, the additional supply of PEDIARIX is not anticipated to be available until Q3 2013.

Unfortunately, due to the continued shortage of combination DTaP vaccine, GSK now expects to be able to cover only a portion of the continued shortage with PEDIARIX. To help ensure that some quantity of combination DTaP vaccine remains available to as many providers as possible, GSK will institute allocations of PEDIARIX until September 2013 with the intention of removing these allocations once DTaP combination vaccine availability increases.

Please be aware that GSK currently expects to have sufficient supply of INFANRIX® (Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Vaccine Adsorbed) to cover the potential shortage of PEDIARIX that may result from our allocation efforts.

GSK shares your goal of vaccinating all appropriate infants against diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis. I want to extend my sincerest apologies for any frustration or disruption to your practices and facilities this short-term allocation of PEDIARIX may cause.

Please do not hesitate to contact GlaxoSmithKline with any further questions or concerns. You may reach out to us at 1.866.GSK.VACC (1.866.475.8222) or contact your GlaxoSmithKline Vaccines Representative today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Thomas".

Michael F. Thomas
US Vaccines Business Unit Head