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

TO: All Users of State Supplied Vaccine

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

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

DATE: August 20, 2013

SUBJECT: DTaP/IPV/Hib (Pentacel®) and DTaP (Daptacel®) vaccine supply

The primary purpose of this communication is to provide you with an update on the temporary shortage of DTaP/IPV/Hib (Pentacel®) vaccine as well as to inform you of a temporary shortage of DTaP (Daptacel®) vaccine.

DTaP/IPV/Hib & DTaP supply

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and Sanofi Pasteur have provided the Connecticut Vaccine Program with another update on the shortage of Sanofi Pasteur's Pentacel® vaccine. Due to a continued delay in the process needed to release new doses of Pentacel®, **providers will not be able to order any doses of Pentacel® from the CVP during the months of September and October.** Sanofi is hoping to have some Pentacel® doses available for ordering by November.

CDC and Sanofi Pasteur have also notified the CVP that Sanofi's DTaP vaccine (brand name Daptacel®) will be in short supply for the next several months as well. At this point it looks like the CVP will have enough Daptacel® to fill most of your September request but we will not have any doses available for the month of October. Daptacel® doses are expected to be back in greater supply by November. CDC has assured us that Glaxo SmithKline has sufficient pertussis containing vaccines to support the routine vaccination schedule for all children.

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