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TO: Health Care Providers

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Vaccine Coordinator-Connecticut Vaccine Program (CVP)

DATE: November 30, 2015

SUBJECT: DTaP/IPV/Hib (Pentacel[®]) vaccine supply

The primary purpose of this communication is to inform you of a temporary manufacturing delay of DTaP/IPV/Hib (Pentacel[®]) vaccine.

DTaP/IPV/Hib supply

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) has notified the Immunization Program of a temporary manufacturing delay of Sanofi Pasteur's DTaP/IPV/Hib vaccine (brand name Pentacel[®]) that is expected to last throughout the first half of 2016. The delay will result in smaller quantities of Pentacel[®] available to the Connecticut Vaccine Program (CVP) to fill provider orders. We anticipate receiving approximately 70% of the Pentacel[®] that is normally distributed each month. Sanofi does have a sufficient supply of its single antigen vaccines (Daptacel, IPOL, and ActHib) to address the anticipated shortfall in Pentacel supply.

Providers have several options to address the delay:

- Increase order quantities for single antigen DTaP, IPV, and Hib vaccines to ensure there is enough vaccine to fully immunize children based on the recommended schedule;
- Order Glaxo SmithKline's DTaP/IPV/Hepatitis B combination vaccine (brand name Pediarix[®]).

We recommend that providers who have started vaccinating a child with Pentacel[®] vaccine complete the series with Pentacel[®] whenever possible. Providers may want to consider using Pediarix[®] in infants who are just beginning their primary series in order to ensure there is sufficient vaccine for those infants who have already begun their primary series with Pentacel[®].

Providers who place their orders directly through VTrckS must fax their Pentacel, Daptacel, IPOL, and ActHib orders to 860 509-8371 until the delay is resolved.

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