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**TO: All Users of State Supplied Vaccines**

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**DATE: May 10, 2007**

**SUBJECT: Update: Supply of Vaccines Containing Varicella-Zoster Virus**

A copy of a notice to readers in the May 11, 2007 issue of MMWR with an update on the supply of vaccines containing varicella-zoster virus (VZV) can be found by clicking on the following link. [http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5618a6.htm?s\\_cid=mm5618a6\\_e](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5618a6.htm?s_cid=mm5618a6_e)

VZV is used in the production of varicella, MMRV, and zoster vaccines. Current projections indicate that MMRV vaccine (brand name: ProQuad) will be unavailable beginning in July 2007 through the remainder of the calendar year. Merck expects to meet all demands for separate MMR and varicella vaccines to fully implement the recommended immunization schedule and requests that providers beginning transitioning over to the separate MMR and varicella vaccines at their earliest convenience.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you, and as always if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Immunization Program at (860) 509-7929.