

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

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

**FROM: Mick Bolduc-VFC Coordinator**

**DATE: April 4, 2008**

**SUBJECT: Update on April Hib Orders, Change in Varicella Minimum Order**

The primary purpose of this communication is to update you on the status of your April Hib order and to inform you of a change in the minimum number of doses when ordering Varicella vaccine.

**ActHib**

The Hib supply for April is sufficient to fill all provider requests at close to 100 %. Some provider orders were adjusted down based on their reported inventory. I do not have a specific timeframe as to when each provider will receive their Hib shipment other than to say every office will receive Hib at some point this month. All providers should continue to follow the interim recommendations temporarily deferring the 12-15 month booster dose of Hib for healthy children.

**Varicella**

As you know Varicella vaccine is direct shipped to your office by Merck. Beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> the minimum order for Varicella vaccine changed from 10 doses to 20 doses. We have made the necessary adjustments for April's order to reflect this change. Those offices that only ordered 10 doses will be receiving 20 doses instead. From this point forward please keep in mind the need to order at least 20 doses when submitting a request for varicella vaccine.

**MMRV**

Merck does not expect to have MMRV vaccine available until sometime in 2009. Please keep that in mind when placing orders for separate MMR and varicella vaccines.

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