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To: Vaccine for Children (VFC) Providers

From: Julie Boeckman, VFC/AFIX Program Coordinator

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has changed several items in the VFC program; these changes are effective immediately. Changes that will directly affect VFC providers include the following:

Provider VFC Coordinator

The provider shall supply the County Liaison with the name of their designated VFC coordinator. If this information needs to be updated, the County Liaison needs to be notified by submitting a completed Provider Update form available at

<http://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/immunizations/pdf/ProviderUpdate.pdf> or by calling your County Liaison at 800-219-3224.

Training

The VFC coordinator at each provider's office must receive an educational contact from our office every year either in the form of a site visit, online training, webinar or an in-person presentation. These trainings are being developed and will be announced when they become available.

Unannounced Visits

Immunization Quality Managers will be conducting unannounced storage and handling visits. These unannounced visits will provide guidance and education to ensure all children are receiving properly managed vaccines.

Administration Fee

The CDC raised the maximum vaccine administration fee cap for non-Medicaid, VFC-eligible children to \$21.53 per vaccine dose. As of now, this fee will be in place for two years.

Storage and Handling of Vaccine

CDC recommends the use of a digital thermometer with a biosafe glycol-encased probe or a similar temperature buffered probe that will more closely approximate the measure of liquid temperature in the storage unit. If data loggers are used to record temperatures, CDC recommends using digital data loggers with detachable probes that record and store temperature information at frequent programmable intervals for 24 hour temperature monitoring rather than non-continuous temperature monitoring.

The CDC has made several recommendations regarding the storage and handling of vaccine. More information on these interim recommendations can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/storage/interim.htm>.

Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping Missouri's children healthy and immunized. If you have any questions, please call me at 800-219-3224.

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