

## **Section 317 Policy Clarification in Regards to Flu Vaccine Usage**

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There have been several questions regarding the administration of flu vaccine and the 317 policy in regard to LPHAs. CDC has indicated that the flu vaccine LPHAs received for the 2012-2013 influenza season needs to be used in the manner that it was intended when it was pre-booked in March.

The reasoning behind this change from CDC is that providers may have ordered vaccine to immunize fully insured children who presented at the health department, and now that the new policy is in place there may be flu vaccine that will be wasted since the pre-book included those fully insured children. Although the 317 policy changed in October, the policy in effect during March 2012, indicated that if an insured child presented to the health department, the health department could immunize the child utilizing 317 funded vaccines and must refer the child to a medical provider that provides immunizations for any follow-up or future doses.

If you pre-booked the flu vaccine with intention of immunizing fully insured children who present to the health department, you may use the flu vaccine to immunize those children.

If you have any questions, please call Julie Boeckman at 800-219-3224.

