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# NEWSLETTER

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- TO:** Providers of Pharmaceutical Services - For Action  
Health Maintenance Organizations - For Information Only
- SUBJECT:** **Termination of fee-for-service (FFS) coverage for certain Vaccine Products available from the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program**
- EFFECTIVE:** Claims with service dates on or after June 30, 1999
- PURPOSE:** To notify providers of pharmaceutical services of a decision by the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) to terminate Medicaid and NJ KidCare-Plan A fee-for-service (FFS) coverage of pharmaceutical claims for certain vaccine products available from the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program.
- BACKGROUND:** In December 1998, the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) New Jersey Immunization Program, notified practitioners of the availability of certain *free* vaccines from the New Jersey VFC program, effective January 1, 1999.
- The VFC program offers practitioners the opportunity to receive *free* vaccines for certain eligible children under 19 years of age. These children include those eligible for the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare program. These vaccines may be provided to any child *without* health insurance and those children who are American Indian or an Alaskan Native. This same program also extends to those children who are *underinsured* when these vaccines are received *exclusively from Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)*.
- In order to avoid Medicaid and NJ KidCare-Plan A FFS payments for *free* vaccines available from the VFC program, DMAHS is terminating FFS coverage of certain vaccine products dispensed by providers of pharmaceutical services.
- ACTION:** Effective for claims with service dates on or after **June 30, 1999**, the DMAHS is terminating Medicaid and NJ KidCare-Plan A FFS coverage and reimbursement for certain vaccine products available from the VFC program to practitioners. Vaccines applicable to individuals age 19 and over will continue to be covered.

These vaccines include but are not limited to the following (individually or in

combination):

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis  
Diphtheria and Tetanus (Pediatric)  
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Haemophilus Influenzae Type b (Hib)  
Tetanus Toxoid  
Rotavirus Vaccine  
Haemophilus Influenzae Type b (Hib)  
Hepatitis B (Pediatric/Adolescent)  
Hepatitis Type B Immunoglobulin  
Hepatitis A (Pediatric)  
Mumps, Measles, Rubella  
Measles  
Rubella  
Oral Polio Vaccine  
E-Inactivated Polio Vaccine  
Varicella Vaccine  
Influenza Vaccine  
Pneumococcal Vaccine

Please be advised that these same *free* vaccines are available from the VFC program for children enrolled in the New Jersey Care 2000 and NJ KidCare managed healthcare programs.

If you have any questions concerning this Newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the Chief, Pharmaceutical Services, DMAHS, at (609) 588-2724.

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