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**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM CDC**  
**PLEASE BE SURE TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THE LEAD PHYSICIAN**  
**AND/OR CLINIC MANAGER IN YOUR FACILITY.**

Dear Provider:

We want to let you know that beginning July 1, 2009, CDC reinstated the Hib booster dose for children 12 through 15 months. That is, children who are aged 12 through 15 months should receive the booster dose on time. The temporary recommendation to defer the Hib booster dose in healthy children, which began December 2007 because of a shortage of Hib vaccine, is no longer in effect. Sanofi pasteur has increased the number of Hib vaccine doses available and providers should now be able to order some additional doses of Hib vaccine each month. However, the additional vaccine being made available is **not** sufficient to support an active recall of all children for whom the booster dose has been deferred. Rather, older children for whom the booster dose was previously deferred should receive the dose at the next routinely scheduled visit or medical encounter.

Please review these important points:

- As of July 1, 2009, infants should receive their primary Hib vaccine series at ages 2, 4, and 6 months, and a Hib booster dose on time at 12 through 15 months of age
- Older children for whom a Hib booster dose was deferred should receive their Hib booster dose at the next routinely scheduled visit or medical encounter
- Mass recall of children who require a Hib booster dose is not recommended at this time
  - We do not recommend using manual or automated recall mechanisms to actively contact patients.

For more detailed information on routine and catchup schedules for delivering Hib vaccines please see <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/default.htm#child> .

If you have any questions, please contact CDC at 1-800-232-4636/1-800-CDC-INFO or by email at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/about/contact/nipinfo\\_contact\\_form.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/about/contact/nipinfo_contact_form.htm).