



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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Upcoming Transition of Prevnar 7 to Prevnar 13

Dear VFC Provider,

We would like to advise you of an upcoming change and transition with pneumococcal conjugate (PCV7), Prevnar, vaccine supplies.

PCV 13 was recently licensed and the ACIP has recommended that providers switch from PCV7 to PCV13 when it is available. The product, still under the brand name Prevnar, has been officially incorporated into the VFC Program. Supplies should be available at VFC's national vaccine distributor within a couple of months, once a federal contract for the purchase of this vaccine is established.

In order to prepare for this product transition and decrease existing inventory levels of PCV7 at the provider, state and national level, VFC will be actively modifying all PCV7 vaccine requests. This will ensure that provider offices decrease existing supplies of PCV7 prior to receiving PCV13, preventing unnecessary waste of current vaccine supplies (each 10-dose box of this product cost **\$740.30** at the federal contract price).

Effective immediately, all requests for PCV7 will be approved as follows:

- VFC will only approve a 30 day supply at a time
- Reported usage and inventory will be taken into account when adjusting orders
- Bimonthly and Quarterly providers may place supplemental orders
- As the date for PCV 13 availability gets closer, we will further reduce orders.

VFC will notify you when PCV 13 is available and recommendations for its use have been published.

If you have any questions about this process, please call VFC's Customer Service at 1-877-243-8832.

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