



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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Recent Provider Communications and Updated Forms

Dear VFC Provider,

The following letters have been recently e-mailed to participating VFC providers and posted on VFC's website, www.eziz.org. Please ensure that this information is shared with your practice's immunization coordinator and staff administering vaccines.

- Temporary Suspension of GSK's Rotavirus Vaccine, Rotarix™
- Notice of Availability of the new Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV13)
- Notice of availability of Merck's PedVax® Hib vaccine through VFC

Updated VFC Forms

- VFC's Vaccine Order Form (CDPH 8501, 3/10) has been revised to reflect product availability changes.
- VFC's Return and Transfer Form (IMM-986, 3/10) instructions for the return of non-viable vaccines have been updated. Providers may contact VFC to request a postage-paid shipping label for the return of non-viable vaccines back to McKesson.

Important Reminders

- Please return any unused doses of PCV7 to McKesson after the receipt of PCV13 doses. Doses must be returned by April 30th, 2010 and do not have to be returned in cold packaging.
- Due to Rotarix's temporary suspension, VFC is currently substituting Merck's Rotateq on all Rotavirus orders. Orders may be adjusted to ensure adequate supplies. Please be sure to keep your Rotarix in your refrigerator marked "Do Not Use" until notified by VFC.

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

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