



# IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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## 2016 Recertification Reminder, Vaccine Supply Update, and February Call Center Schedule

Dear VFC Provider,

### Recertification is Due February 16, 2016

- This is an important reminder that 2016 VFC Recertification is due on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. All VFC providers must complete the recertification process in order to continue participation in the program and receive publicly funded vaccines. If your clinic has not yet completed this process, login to your [MyVFCvaccines](#) account to access and submit your clinic's 2016 Recertification Form. Details on the 2016 Recertification process can be found in the January 14, 2016 communication sent to VFC Providers and posted on eziz.org: [http://eziz.org/assets/docs/VFCletter\\_2016\\_1\\_Recertification\\_1516-9\(1\).pdf](http://eziz.org/assets/docs/VFCletter_2016_1_Recertification_1516-9(1).pdf).

### Pentacel® Supply Update

Sanofi Pasteur is still experiencing a manufacturing delay for Pentacel® (DTaP-IPV/Hib combination vaccine), which is expected to last through the summer of 2016. In order to manage this supply limitation, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has instituted a limit on the number of Pentacel® doses states can order on a monthly basis, and has also allocated single-antigen vaccine supply of Daptacel®, IPOL®, and ActHIB®.

- Orders for Pentacel are currently restricted to 70% of a Provider's average monthly usage. Orders will be adjusted for inventory remaining at each provider's clinic.
  - As a result, current VFC Program supplies of Pentacel® for the time being are adequate for the first 3 doses in the series. The 4th dose should be given using single-antigen vaccines.
- Ordering restrictions may be adjusted in the future due to available vaccine supply.
- Providers should ensure that patients receive all recommended doses of DTaP, Hib, and Polio vaccines. Doses should not be deferred or delayed.

### VFC Customer Service Center Closures in February

- Monday, February 15, 2016 (Presidents' Day Holiday)

If you have any questions, please contact the VFC Customer Service Center at 877-243-8832.

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