



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) Updates

Dear VFC Provider,

These VISs were recently updated:

- Meningococcal (10/14/11)
- Hepatitis A (10/25/11)
- Polio (11/8/11)

Make sure your clinic is providing the most current VISs. You can view and download all current VISs at www.EZIZ.org.

Provider responsibilities regarding VISs:

- By Federal law, providers must give patients, or their parents or legal representatives, a VIS copy prior to the administration of each dose of vaccine.
- VISs must be given each time the vaccine is given (not just with the first dose).
- If there is not a single VIS for a combination vaccine, use the VISs for all component vaccines.
- Health care providers are required to record the edition date of the VIS and the date the VIS was provided.
- Providers must offer the patient a VIS to read *during the visit* and a copy to take home. However, instead of taking a paper copy home, patients now can download VISs onto their mobile device which displays pdf files, e.g., iPhone, Palm Pre, some BlackBerries. Go to www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/vis-downloads.htm and click on the appropriate VIS link.

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