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TO: Vaccines for Children (VFC) Providers

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SUBJECT: 2015-2016 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Ordering Instructions

VFC's Online Flu Order Confirmation system will be available from July 17, 2015 to August 4, 2015 at www.eziz.org. Providers will need to log in to MYVFCVaccines to review, modify, and submit confirmed vaccine allocations for their practice.

Unconfirmed allocations remaining in the system after August 4, 2015 will be released into the supplemental flu ordering vaccine supply. These doses will be available to all providers on a first-come, first-serve basis during supplemental flu ordering.

KEY STEPS FOR CONFIRMING YOUR 2015-2016 VACCINE DOSES

Reporting of Unused Expired Doses

If your practice has any unused, expired influenza doses from this past season, please make sure these doses have been removed from your refrigerator and were reported to VFC by completing a Return/Transfer Form at MYVFCVaccines. This must be done **before** confirming your allocations for this year.

Providers will be required to confirm unused 2014-2015 flu vaccine doses for each product as part of the Flu Order Confirmation process. Unused doses reported must match the number of doses entered in the VFC Return/Transfer Form.

Order Confirmation Timeline

Once the Online Flu Order Confirmation process begins, providers will have 2 weeks to review and confirm allocated doses. Please ensure that clinic staff members who are responsible for confirming flu allocations are aware of this timeline to make sure doses are confirmed by the August 4th deadline.

Vaccine Usage and Inventory Reporting

As with all other VFC-supplied vaccines, tracking the administration of VFC flu doses is required for each practice. Doses administered must be documented on VFC's 2015-2016 Flu Usage Log (or a similar form) and reported to the VFC program as part of the submission process for supplemental vaccine ordering.

Providers may also use CAIR (or a similar immunization information system) or an electronic health record system that tracks doses administered and generates vaccine usage reports.

Vaccine Allocations

Doses allocated to each VFC provider are based on:

- the total number of doses of each flu product received in the preceding season (initially allocated plus any additional doses received as part of Flu Supplemental ordering),
- the number of unused doses, and
- available vaccine supply pre-booked for distribution to California VFC providers.

Newly enrolled providers with limited or no vaccine distribution history will have limited allocations based on selected pediatric vaccine distribution. Providers may contact the VFC Customer Service Center or their VFC Field Representative if their VFC-eligible patient population has significantly increased since their enrollment date.

The system will display allocated products by brand for VFC-eligible children in two age categories:

- 6-35 months age: Providers may only decrease the number of allocated doses.
- 3-18 years of age: Providers may decrease or increase allocated doses in each available product as long as the combined total doses requested for all 3 brands does not exceed the TOTAL doses allocated within the age group category.

Confirming your Clinic's Vaccine Allocation

When confirming your allocation, consider your seasonal flu vaccine needs for your VFC-eligible patients. Influenza vaccine is routinely recommended for all VFC patients 6 months through 18 years of age. If additional doses are needed beyond the initial allocation, providers may request additional doses during supplemental flu ordering.

VFC Review of Submitted Vaccine Allocations

VFC will review allocation requests and approve them based on available vaccine supply. VFC will e-mail the final approved brand allocations for your practice mid-August 2015.

All confirmed allocations will remain in queue until flu vaccine supplies are received at VFC's national vaccine distributor.

The VFC Program will notify all providers via fax and e-mail when flu products are received at the distribution center and delivery of approved orders begins.

2015-2016 VFC INFLUENZA PRODUCTS AND SUPPLY AVAILABILITY

Below is a listing of all influenza products available through VFC:

Brand	Manufacturer	Packaging	Age Group Indication
Fluzone [®] PF Pediatric Dose Quadrivalent	Sanofi Pasteur	10 pack – single dose syringes, 0.25mL	6-35 months
Fluzone [®] Quadrivalent	Sanofi Pasteur	10 dose vial, 5mL	3-18 years (including pregnant teens)
Fluarix [®] PF Quadrivalent	GlaxoSmithKline (GSK)	10 pack – single dose syringes, 0.5mL	FluMist may be used in healthy children 2-18 yrs (excluding pregnant teens)
FluMist [®] , Live, Attenuated Intranasal Vaccine PF Quadrivalent	MedImmune	10 pack-single dose intranasal spray, 0.2mL	

VACCINE SHIPMENTS

Influenza vaccine supplies for all different manufacturers arrive at VFC's national vaccine distributor at different times and in multiple shipments throughout the season. Therefore, providers will receive their allocated vaccine doses in multiple shipments throughout the season.

FluMist[®] Delivery Timelines

It is anticipated that doses for this product will not begin to ship until late September, and will be incrementally shipped from October through December, with up to 40% of these doses shipping in the November-December timeframe. Please consider this while planning your clinic's influenza vaccination efforts.

Once VFC has shipped your clinic's initial shipment, our system will keep track of the remaining balance in your allocation. VFC will automatically ship doses to your practice as vaccine supplies become available.

E-mail notifications are sent to providers a week prior to shipping vaccines. Once orders are confirmed and submitted for fulfillment, these CANNOT be cancelled.

Shipments of flu vaccines to your practice will be tracked on your MyVFCVaccines account. Log in to your account to view your shipping history and shipping logs.

VFC INFLUENZA PROGRAM LETTER AND ACIP RECOMMENDATIONS

The annual VFC Influenza Program letter, which includes detailed information regarding this season's ACIP influenza vaccination recommendations, product dosage and administration, storage and handling guidelines, and other important information, will be released once recommendations are published by the CDC.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please call your VFC Field Representative or the VFC Program at 877-243-8832 (877-2GET-VFC). You can also visit our website at www.eziz.org.

cc: Local Health Department Immunization Coordinators