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TO: California Vaccine for Children (VFC) Program Providers

FROM: Robert Schechter, MD, Acting Chief 
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SUBJECT: Vaccine Storage Capacity Expansion Program (VSCEP)

We would like to make you aware of a special program that may assist you in ensuring your practice is equipped with a vaccine storage refrigerator that is able to preserve the integrity of stored vaccines, provide sufficient storage capacity and maintain stable temperatures within the required range.

In response to the H1N1 outbreak and vaccination campaign, the California Department of Public Health has made funds available for a **“Vaccine Storage Capacity Expansion Program” (VSCEP)**. Through the use of Public Health Emergency Response (PHER) funds, the VSCEP will reimburse \$250 dollars of the purchase price of a qualifying vaccine storage refrigerator that is installed in a VFC practice and used for the storage of VFC supplied vaccines.

In accordance with VSCEP program guidelines funds will be available to active providers who have purchased or will purchase a new refrigerator between July 1, 2009 and June 1, 2010. To qualify for VSCEP funds, your new vaccine storage refrigerator must be in compliance with the VFC Program’s vaccine storage requirements and guidelines. The requirements and guidelines can be found at the following link [Vaccine Storage Requirements Effective July 2009](http://www.eziz.org/PDF/VFCStorageEquipmentMay1.pdf); or www.eziz.org/PDF/VFCStorageEquipmentMay1.pdf.

Your practice is strongly urged to take advantage of this limited time program. This is an excellent opportunity for VFC providers who:

- are not yet in compliance with the July 2009 vaccine storage equipment requirements;
- have purchased a new refrigerator prior to July 1, 2009, but need additional storage to accommodate increased volume; and

- medium and small volume providers who will be required to transition to a refrigerator-only unit in mid 2011.

Completed applications must be postmarked by Friday, June 1, 2010. Download an application at www.eziz.org. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

If you need more information or you've read the requirements but you're not sure if your refrigerator is in compliance with VFC guidelines contact your VFC representative or **VFC's Customer Service at 1-877-243-8832.**

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Vaccine Storage Capacity Expansion Program (VSCEP)

The California Department of Public Health VSCEP will reimburse medical providers \$250 for the purchase of a new VFC-approved refrigerator for vaccine storage. This program is supported by Federal Public Health Emergency Response (PHER) funds.

Terms & Conditions

- Expansion program is open to all active California VFC providers.
- Offer is for qualifying purchases made between July 1, 2009 and June 1, 2010.
- Requests must be postmarked by June 1, 2010.
- Qualifying refrigerator must be purchased and installed prior to applying for the expansion program.
- Qualifying refrigerator must comply with the VFC 2009 Vaccine Storage Equipment Requirements www.eziz.org/PDF/VFCStorageEquipmentMay1.pdf
- Refrigerator should only be used for vaccine storage and must be installed in the VFC practice listed below.
- CDPH reserves the right to verify product, provider eligibility, and equipment installation prior to payment.
- Upon approval, a check is generally mailed within 6-8 weeks unless your application is selected for verification, which may result in additional processing time.

How to Apply

1. Review the VFC 2009 Vaccine Storage Equipment Requirements at www.eziz.org/PDF/VFCStorageEquipmentMay1.pdf
2. Purchase and install a qualifying product between July 1, 2009 and June 1, 2010.
3. Complete the CDPH VSCEP Application Form below.
4. **Mail a completed application form and a copy of your receipt to:**

CDPH, Immunization Branch
 Vaccine Storage Capacity Expansion Program
 850 Marina Bay Parkway, Bldg. P
 Richmond, CA 94804

No electronic submissions will be accepted. Keep a copy of your completed application (including receipts) for your records.

Application Form (Attach receipt)

Practice Information

PRACTICE NAME		VFC PIN	
MAILING ADDRESS		CITY	ZIP
MAILING ADDRESS #2		COUNTY	
CONTACT PERSON	EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX

UNIT TYPE (Check all that apply)

- Under counter pharmacy grade Refrigerator-only unit

Unit Size: _____ cu. ft.

Proof of Purchase Information

RETAILER NAME		RETAILER PHONE NUMBER	
RETAILER ADDRESS		CITY	ZIP
REFRIGERATOR MANUFACTURER		PRODUCT MODEL NUMBER	
PRICE		PURCHASE DATE	

I have met all the requirements of the terms and conditions listed above.

SIGNATURE OF VFC PROVIDER OF RECORD

DATE