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UPDATE: PRIORIX™ Now Available for Ordering Through the VFC Program

Dear VFC Provider,

PRIORIX™ (MMR Vaccine, GSK) is now available for VFC Providers to order through their [MyVFCvaccines](#) account. Please read the [clinical letter](#) for further details about this new vaccine product, prior to requesting doses as part of your regular VFC vaccine order.

IMPORTANT: VFC vaccine storage requirements remain unchanged (view [PAA 10B/C](#)). Although PRIORIX™ is another brand of MMR vaccine, it is recommended to be stored under refrigerator temperatures of between 36° and 46°F (2° and 8°C) per the vaccine manufacturer recommendations. We continue to recommend storage of MMR®II (MMR Vaccine, Merck) under freezer temperatures of between -58° and 5°F (-50° and -15°C) per the vaccine manufacturer recommendations. Please follow vaccine manufacturer recommendations for storage of all VFC vaccines.

Planning to Switch to a New Vaccine Product?

If your practice plans on switching to a different vaccine product from another vaccine, submit a [“Provider Request Form to Update Vaccine Brand Products Administered”](#) to the VFC Program and keep the following information in mind:

- Careful consideration should be given when selecting alternative brands or products in order to minimize the impact on provider practices.
- Implementation of a different vaccine brand or product should be approved by your practice’s medical director or Provider of Record.
- Staff should be thoroughly informed and educated on changes to vaccines and its impact on vaccine ordering, storage, administration, and documentation.
- As your practice transitions to a new product, managing on-hand inventory appropriately is a key factor in preventing unnecessary vaccine wastage. Your initial request for a new vaccine product may be reduced to help minimize vaccine waste as you transition from the product currently being used by your practice.
- A plan to deplete excess inventory must be in place prior to transitioning to a new product. It is the provider’s responsibility to ensure all VFC-supplied vaccines are used prior to its expiration date or transferred to another VFC Provider who can use them. Viable unused doses of these individual vaccines cannot be returned to the VFC Program.

Vaccine Resources

- [MMR \(Measles, Mumps, and Rubella\) Vaccine Information Statement \(VIS\)](#)
- [EZIZ Vaccine Fact Sheets](#)

Thank you,



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