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August VFC Updates – Initial Flu Ordering, New Vaccines Coming Soon, and Upcoming Call Center Closures

2023-2024 Initial Flu Ordering Coming Soon

The 2nd phase of the VFC flu vaccine order process, Initial Flu Ordering, will be coming soon. A communication will go out with more details about the Initial Flu Order process. We anticipate to begin initial flu shipments at the end of this month or early September but will communicate this as we get closer. As a reminder:

- For providers that pre-booked doses in January 2023, the VFC Program will place your initial order on your behalf, which will be 50% of what your practice pre-booked. For your reference, the VFC Program emailed your confirmed pre-book amounts on July 31, 2023. No further action will be required to receive your initial order, unless you would like to receive *less* than 50% of what you pre-booked. Keep in mind, your initial order will not arrive all at once. It will arrive in multiple shipments as flu vaccine arrives at our national vaccine distributor.
- For providers that did NOT pre-book doses in January 2023, you will be able to confirm your initial orders during the next phase of VFC flu ordering. Product(s) allocated are based on remaining supply, so brand preference cannot be accommodated.

New Vaccines Coming Soon!

- **Pevnar 20® Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (Pfizer)**

Pevnar 20® builds on Pevnar 13® and includes seven additional serotypes shown to be associated with antibiotic resistance, heightened disease severity, invasive potential, and prevalence in pediatric pneumococcal cases.

Beginning September 1, 2023, Pevnar 20® will be available for ordering and Pevnar 13® will no longer be orderable through the VFC Program. To prepare for this transition, current Pevnar 13® orders may be reduced to minimize vaccine waste. Continue to vaccinate your patients with your existing stock of Pevnar 13® until you are ready to order more pneumococcal conjugate vaccine. Vaccine requests will continue to be reviewed and approved based on existing on-hand inventory and usage.

- **Menveo 1-vial® MenACWY vaccine (GSK)**

Beginning September 1, 2023 the new Menveo 1-vial® will be available for ordering. The Menveo 1-vial® presentation (10 pack) does not require reconstitution and is approved for use in persons 10 years through 55 years. The existing Menveo 2-vial® presentation (5 pack) requires reconstitution and is approved for use in persons aged 2 months through 55 years.

GSK will continue to make both products available to support vaccination for children as young as 2 months of age. However, the existing Menveo 2-vial® presentation will be available in limited amounts, and it will be important to target this product for use in children aged 2 months through 2 years of age at [high risk for Meningococcal disease](#). This product is the only meningococcal conjugate vaccine approved for use in this age group. Requests for the existing Menveo 2-vial® vaccine may be reduced depending on your reported patient population.

- **Beyfortus™ RSV Monoclonal Antibody (Sanofi and AstraZeneca)**

On [August 3, 2023](#), CDC recommended a new immunization, Beyfortus™, a long-acting monoclonal antibody product to help protect all infants under 8 months and some older babies at increased risk of severe illness caused by [respiratory syncytial virus \(RSV\)](#).

Beyfortus™ is expected to become available starting this fall through the VFC Program. More information regarding ordering timelines will be communicated to all VFC Providers when available.

Customer Service Center Closures

The VFC Customer Service Center will be closed on the following days/times:

- Monday, September 4, 2023 (Labor Day Holiday)
- Wednesday, September 13, 2023 from 9AM – 1PM (VFC Staff Meeting)

Orders will continue to be received throughout these closures. Normal business hours will resume on the business days/times following each event listed above. Please ensure that your practice has an adequate supply of VFC vaccines in stock to prevent running out of inventory during these closures.

Thank you,



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