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Important Message

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Take Action to Prevent Vaccine Loss

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Dear VFA Provider,

You are responsible for ensuring your Vaccines for Adults (VFA) vaccines are used before they expire and preventing thousands of dollars in 317-funded VFA vaccine loss! Take action now:

1. Check your 317 vaccine inventory for short-dated vaccines.
2. Place any short-dated vaccines towards the front of the vaccine storage unit.
3. Immediately implement a targeted reminder-recall strategy to utilize short-dated vaccines. A few examples are as follows.
   - **Zoster Vaccine Reminder/Recall Strategy**
     - Run a report in your EHR or CAIR of all uninsured patients 60 years and older who are overdue for one dose of zoster vaccine.
     - Recall patients using your clinic's reminder/recall systems (staff phone calls, text messaging, mailed reminder cards). Include messages such as, *"Our records show that you are overdue for Zoster vaccine. This vaccine is recommended for patients 60 years and older. It helps protect you from shingles, a painful skin rash that can be severe and last a long time. Call now to schedule an appointment."*
   - **Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine Reminder/Recall Strategy**
     - Run a report in your EHR or CAIR of all uninsured patients 19 years and older with HIV infection who have
       - Not received a dose of MenACWY since their 16th birthday, OR
       - Received only one prior lifetime dose, given more than 2 months ago, or
       - Not been vaccinated with MenACWY for more than 5 years.*
     - Recall patients using your clinic's reminder/recall systems. Include messages such as, *"Our records show that you are overdue for (a second dose of) the meningococcal vaccine. This vaccine helps protect you from a very serious illness that can be deadly. Call now to schedule an appointment."*

If you think you will not be able to use all doses before they expire, please contact your Senior Field Representative as soon as possible.

* 2017 Adult Immunization Schedule (CDC)