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INFORMATION: 2012 Recommended Immunization Schedules and Updated Vaccine Information Statements

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The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS) Vaccine Preventable Disease Program (VPDP) would like to alert health care providers and members of the public health community that the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recently released the 2012 Recommended Immunization Schedules, which can be accessed at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/default.htm>

The ACIP annually publishes immunization schedules outlining the recommended vaccines for individuals of all ages. These updates ensure that the schedules reflect the most current recommendations for licensed vaccines. To quickly review the changes in the schedules from 2011, please view the attached document.

NJDHSS would like to remind providers that they must provide patients with the most current Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) prior to the administration of each dose of a vaccine. The use of VISs, which is mandated by the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act, provides patients with information about the benefits and risks of each vaccine. For more information about the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act, please visit <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2027.pdf>

Please be aware that the hepatitis B and the Td/Tdap VISs have been recently updated. You can download all VISs at the following website: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/default.htm>

A simple way to track all of your patients' immunization history is to use the New Jersey Immunization Information System (NJiIS)-the statewide registry. NJiIS is a free, confidential, population-based online system that collects and consolidates vaccination data for New Jersey's children and adults. As of December 31, 2011, all health care providers that immunize children less than seven (7) years of age are required by State regulation to enroll as an authorized user of NJiIS and begin online reporting of vaccinations. Mandatory participation is stipulated in New Jersey Administrative Code, N.J.A.C. 8:57-3.16. NJDHSS encourages all providers to become authorized users of NJiIS regardless of patient age. NJiIS helps to reduce over vaccination of new patients, to manage and maintain vaccine inventory, and to reduce paper work and staff time. For more information about NJiIS, please visit <https://njiis.nj.gov/njiis/>