



## Vaccines for Children Provider Updates October 1, 2013

### VFC Programmatic Updates

#### New Operations Guidelines Effective Oct 1

Providers will notice a change to their packing slips for orders received after Oct 1. Changes will reflect funding splits per revised CDC VFC Operations guide requirements. Vaccine orders will be shipped according to assigned funding splits based on provider submitted enrollment numbers listed on annual provider profile updates. Shipments will be split by funding as defined below:

**VFC:** Funds received through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) federal entitlement program that provides vaccines at no cost to children (0-18 years) who might not be vaccinated because of their inability to pay. Eligibility criteria are as follows:

- Medicaid Recipients
- AI/AN
- Uninsured
- Underinsured (FQHC/RHC/CDC approved Deputized Clinics)

**CHIP (PeachCare for Kids®):** Vaccine purchased with funds received from CMOs for vaccines administered to PeachCare for Kids® recipients. Most eligible patients have insurance through one of the following:

- Amerigroup
- Peach State
- WellCare

**317:** Funds received through the federal immunization grant intended to provide vaccine for underinsured children seen in non- Federally Qualified Health Centers/Rural Health Centers, non-deputized clinics, and eligible adults seen in State/Local Public Health Departments. The following populations are eligible for vaccines under this funding category:

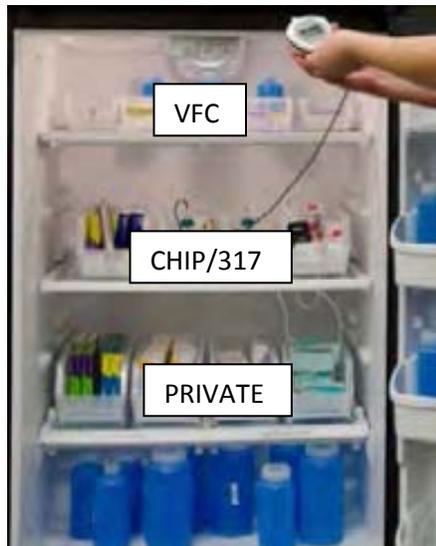
- Eligible Adult populations seen in State/Local Public Health Departments
- Underinsured children (seen in non-FQHC/RHC/ Deputized Clinics)

**\*\*See attached document for a sample copy of the new packing slips effective October 1, 2013:**

## New Provider Requirements – Ensuring VFC Vaccine is administered only to Federally-Eligible Children

Because of changes related to split funding inventory requirements:

1. Inventory must be stored separately based on funding source (VFC, CHIP, 317 and Private). Inventory must be clearly labeled as indicated in the slide below:



2. Vaccine inventory may not be shared between VFC, 317, CHIP and Private inventories. Providers must plan ahead to ensure sufficient vaccine supply is available for each funding source. Immunization Program Consultants will begin verifying separate inventory stocks February 1, 2014.



### GRITS Reporters – Select Preference Prior to Submitting Inventory Counts.

Reminder: All GRITS reporters are required to select a preference for all vaccine types including MMR, Varicella, Prevnar®, and all vaccines with only one brand/presentation provided. Items not selected may not be considered as part of your replenishment order. Attached is the full list of vaccines provided through the VFC Program. Review your preferences to be sure you made a selection for each item administered in your clinic.

### Vaccine Updates

Below is an update regarding the supply of Sanofi's pertussis-containing vaccines: Daptacel® (DTaP), Pentacel® (DTaP-IPV-Hib) and Adacel® (Tdap). Supply for all three vaccines, between mid-August and mid-October of 2013, will be lower than previously anticipated due to the delayed release of new vaccine lots. This delay resulted from an anomaly identified during a routine test procedure of one of the filling lines, and it affects all products filled from that line.

**Daptacel®**, **Pentacel®**, and **Adacel®**: As previously communicated, CDC did not allocate additional doses for the month of August and September. This message extends the period during which no additional doses will be available to include the first half of October.

Unless providers choose to wait for additional Sanofi DTaP, Tdap, and Pentacel®, then the following replenishment will take place:

- Daptacel orders will be filled with Infanrix® vials or syringes
- Adacel orders will be filled with Boostrix® vials or syringes

**ActHib®**: We expect to fulfill all orders as listed on your Monthly Comprehensive Report. We will review additional requests on a case-by-case basis.

**2013-2014 Flu Season** Vaccine shipments began arriving in provider offices during the middle of August. We will continue to ship vaccines according to pre-booked requests until 100% of the requested amount has shipped or until we receive an email request to discontinue shipping. Providers may submit requests to discontinue shipments to [gavfc@dr.state.ga.us](mailto:gavfc@dr.state.ga.us). Providers remain responsible for doses shipped according to their submitted pre-book; unless a request to cancel future shipments is received prior to the placement of any additional orders. The following NDC brands and presentations are available through the VFC program during the 2013-14 Influenza season:

<u>NDC</u>	<u>Vaccine Brand/Presentation</u>	<u>IIV3/IIV4</u>	<u>Age Group</u>
49281-0113-25	Fluzone®-PF/Syringes	Tri	6-35 mos
49281-0392-15	Fluzone®/Multidose Vials	Tri	6 mos - 18 yrs
49281-0013-10**	Fluzone®-PF/Single dose Vials	Tri	3-18 years
49281-0013-50**	Fluzone®-PF/Single dose Syringes	Tri	3-18 years
58160-0900-52	Fluarix®-PF/Syringes	Quad	3-18 years
66019-0300-10	FluMist®/Intranasal Sprayer	Quad	2-18 years

\*Vaccines in bold are currently shipping to provider offices.

\*\* Currently awaiting additional CDC allocation for these brands

\*\*\*Additional requests for doses above the original pre-booked amounts will be waitlisted until all previously booked flu doses are distributed.

## Monthly Reporting Updates

Important tips to remember when submitting inventory counts each month:

1. Do not include prefixes and suffixes with your VFC lot numbers – Enter vaccine received from VFC using the lot number listed on the outer carton of the vaccine box. Providers should not include prefixes and suffixes with the lot numbers. I.e. AC52B085CA-VFC or VFC- AC52B085CA. \*\*You may add prefixes/suffixes to your privately purchased vaccine. (This does not apply to SBF doses Public Health Clinics receive.)
2. Do not fax GRITS reports to VFC – the only exception to this rule is faxed copies of corrected reports, which include an explanation of errors. If your site is transitioning from manual reporting to GRITS, contact VFC to finalize the switch today!
3. Review the Vaccine Accountability Statement for “Doses to Ship” in column J. – Orders will be entered for the preferred vaccine indicated with a # and only for items with doses listed in column J. Once you submit your order, review, and if necessary, send your vaccine order adjustments to [gavfc@dr.state.ga.us](mailto:gavfc@dr.state.ga.us) or you may call in your adjustments to (404) 657-5013.

### Manual Excel Reporting discontinued for processing as of December 1, 2013

VFC’s transition to total electronic reporting is set for December 1. At that time, all providers will be required to report via GRITS and the manual Excel reporting form will no longer be accepted for processing vaccine replenishment orders. Sites currently utilizing the Excel form for monthly reporting should plan to make the switch to GRITS reporting prior to December 1 to prevent vaccine delivery interruption. Send requests for GRITS inventory management training to [gavfc@dr.state.ga.us](mailto:gavfc@dr.state.ga.us).

## Vaccine Storage and Handling Resources

All providers should review helpful vaccine management material available via the following links:

CDC's Vaccine Storage and Handling Home Page <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/storage/default.htm>

CDC's Storage and Handling Toolkit - <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/storage/toolkit/storage-handling-toolkit.pdf> (Contact your Immunization Program Consultant for a hard copy)

**You Call the Shots: Vaccine Storage and Handling Module** – An interactive, web-based module that provides learning opportunities, self-test practice questions, reference and resource materials, and an extensive glossary. Continuing education credit is available. <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/youcalltheshots.htm> *NEW Feb 2013*

**Additional resources for vaccine management include:**

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/default.htm>

<http://www.immunize.org/>

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The VFC Administrative Office is available to assist you with your needs at (404) 657-5013 or via email sent to [gavfc@dhc.state.ga.us](mailto:gavfc@dhc.state.ga.us). Your Immunization Program Consultant (IPC) is also available to assist you with hands on training. IPC's may be contacted by calling the VFC Office. Remember, if in doubt, call VFC, we are here to help!