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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Health Department Directors
Local Health Department Nursing Directors

FROM: Beth Rowe-West, R.N., B.S.N., Head *BRW*
Immunization Branch

SUBJECT: Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Federal Vaccine Contract
Elimination of the Optional Use Clause for Adult Hepatitis Vaccines

The purpose of this memo is to notify you of changes to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) federal adult vaccine contracts which will eliminate the optional use clause. This new contract will be in place on July 1, 2009.

The optional use clause allowed county or local health departments and other publicly funded agencies within North Carolina’s jurisdiction to be authorized to purchase adult hepatitis A, adult hepatitis B and combination adult hepatitis A & B vaccines directly from the CDC contracts, if first approved by the NC Immunization Branch. Under the optional use clause, these local agencies would be authorized to purchase these adult hepatitis vaccines directly from the contractor at CDC contract prices. The optional use clause is not included in the new CDC contract.

Effective July 1, 2009, your facility will no longer have the option to purchase adult hepatitis A, adult hepatitis B and combination adult hepatitis A & B vaccines directly from the CDC federal vaccine contract. You will need to order these vaccines via vaccine distributors as you currently do for non-VFC MCV4 (meningococcal), HPV (human papillomavirus), rotavirus, PCV7 (pneumococcal conjugate), and influenza vaccines.

If you have questions regarding elimination of the optional use clause these should be directed to Brandon Rector, Customer Service Unit Supervisor, at the Immunization Branch Central Office. His direct phone number is 919-707-5553.

Thank you.

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