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**TO:** North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) Participants

**FROM:** Brandon C. L. Rector, MSW, Vaccine Distribution Manager   
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**SUBJECT:** Update on the Availability of Hiberix® (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (Hib) Vaccine) and Kinrix® (DTaP and IPV Combination Vaccine)

The purpose of this memo is to inform NCIP providers that we are now making Hiberix® available for providers to order via the North Carolina Immunization Registry (NCIR), by fax, and by phone. Please remember that Hiberix® is approved for use in children 15 months through 4 years of age, and may be used for a booster dose regardless of whether the primary series was completed with ActHIB® or PedvaxHIB®.

Allocations of ActHIB® and PedvaxHIB® vaccine from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continue to be insufficient to meet provider demand for that product. As more providers choose to use Hiberix® for booster doses, this may make more ActHIB® or PedvaxHIB® available for providers who choose to use that product. However, all Hib products continue to be allocated nationally by the CDC, and should North Carolina be unable to fill ActHIB® or PedvaxHIB® orders in full, we will continue to reduce those orders as necessary and supplement them with Hiberix®. When an order for ActHIB®/PedvaxHIB® is reduced, the unshipped portion of the order is cancelled and must be reordered at a later date.

In addition, after a lengthy period of supply shortages, Kinrix®, the combination vaccine for **the fifth dose of DTaP and fourth dose of polio vaccine**, is now available for order. Kinrix® is available only for VFC-eligible patients. Since orders placed prior to January 1, 2010 most likely do not reflect changes to the NCIP Coverage Criteria, **all orders placed prior to that date will be cancelled and providers will have to reorder Kinrix® with their next regular vaccine order.**

An updated Vaccine Requisition Form is attached for providers who submit orders via fax. If you need additional information or assistance please review the following support documents:

- **CDC’s Vaccine Shortages and Delays Information and Recommendations:** <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/shortages/default.htm>
- **NCIP Coverage Criteria:** <http://www.immunizenc.com/coveragecriteria.htm>

Please contact your Regional Immunization Nurse Consultant or the Immunization Help Desk at 1-877-873-6247 if you have further questions.

Attachment

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