



# PA VFC Program News



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## 18th Annual Pennsylvania Immunization Conference

The Pennsylvania Immunization Coalition held the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania Immunization Conference (PIC) on Thursday, July 12, 2012, at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, State College, Pennsylvania. Opening remarks were delivered by Michael Wolf, Executive Deputy Secretary of Health, Pennsylvania Department of Health. Jessie Wing, MD, MPH, Deputy Division Director, Immunization Services Division, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention delivered the Keynote Address. The topic of the address was “Vaccines for Life: Childhood, Adolescence, and Adult Immunizations - Updates and Standards.” The conference hosted in excess of 350 attendees.

## Influenza Vaccine Pre-ordering Has Begun

The Pennsylvania Vaccines for Children (PA VFC) Program is now **pre-booking** influenza vaccine orders for the 2012-2013 influenza season. It is important for the Division of Immunizations to know how many doses of each influenza vaccine formulation providers plan to order during the upcoming influenza season. In preparation for the 2012-2013 influenza season, the PA VFC program mailed the 2012-2013 “*Influenza Vaccine Order Form*” to health care facilities during the month of June. The current Influenza Vaccine Ordering Form is located at <http://www.health.state.pa.us/vfc>, under the Influenza tab.

If you did not receive your “*Influenza Vaccine Order Form*” and do not have access to the Pennsylvania Department of Health (Department) website, contact the PA VFC Program at our toll-free line 1-888-646-6864 to request an influenza order form. Influenza vaccine orders must be received by July 31, 2012. Completed order forms for influenza vaccine may be emailed to [paimmunizations@pa.gov](mailto:paimmunizations@pa.gov) or faxed to 717- 441-3777. Influenza vaccine obtained through the Department may only be provided to those persons six months of age and older who have no access to vaccine from other sources and, because of age or underlying medical conditions, are at risk for complications of influenza. Distribution of the influenza vaccine is expected to begin in September or October 2012. Please direct any questions regarding influenza vaccine ordering to Nancy Mumper and clinical questions to Alexandra McFall at 717 - 787-5681.

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## Online Vaccine Ordering and Enrollment

The PA VFC Program is excited to announce the development of an internet application located within the Pennsylvania Statewide Immunization Information System (PA-SIIS). The online ordering application is scheduled to be in place by February 2013 and will benefit VFC providers by reducing administrative burden and increasing vaccine order accuracy through the ability to place and track vaccine orders online. Additionally, providers will be able to update their VFC facility information whenever necessary and, annually, during re-enrollment.

The **annual re-enrollment form** will be made available in an electronic format and distributed August 1, 2012 via mail, email and placed on the Department website. Completed re-enrollment forms are due to the PA VFC Program by October 1, 2012.

The ability to submit vaccine orders electronically will replace faxing and facilitate vaccine ordering, making it easier and more convenient for providers. The online application will allow providers to access all VFC-related program applications in one place. All current PA VFC requirements for vaccine ordering, including reporting of inventories and vaccine usage, will remain in place under this new online system.

Additional vaccine ordering reporting requirements will include:

- Reconciling vaccine inventory prior to ordering; and
- Recording Lot numbers.

Providers without internet access will continue to submit vaccine orders via the Pediatric Vaccine Order & Accountability Form by email, fax or mail. The goal is to have the majority of PA VFC provider sites ordering state supplied vaccines online through the PA-SIIS during 2013. Providers are encouraged to join PA-SIIS, but enrollment in PA-SIIS is not mandatory for PA VFC providers to have access to PAVFC online ordering and enrollment. For more information on joining PA-SIIS, please contact 877-774-4748.

## Electronic Health Record (EHR) Systems

VFC practices implementing Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems may find that information typically entered into PA-SIIS can be captured through their EHR and reported to the PA-SIIS in a seamless and transparent manner through a real-time interface. The following data elements are important to capture within an EHR for each patient receiving immunizations: patient first name, last name, date of birth, address, gender, race, ethnicity, VFC eligibility status, vaccine type, vaccination date, vaccine lot number, vaccine manufacturer, vaccine administering provider, administration route and site. The above data elements are important to support the VFC reporting requirements. For guidance concerning EHR applications that are in production with the PA-SIIS, have interface functionality and support the VFC requirements (which include the doses administered, lot number and VFC eligibility status) VFC practices should contact the Pennsylvania Regional Extension & Assistance Center (PA REACH) at 877-725-9998. PA REACH can verify if your EHR is certified by the Office of National Coordinator for Health Information Technology at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which has the ability to capture the above data. As long as the VFC required information is available to Quality Assurance Nurses during site visits it not necessary for providers to hand enter the VFC required information into SIIS.

## VFC Patient Eligibility Screening

Screening patients to determine VFC eligibility is a required practice that should take place during every visit. It is only necessary to update the eligibility information if the child's status has changed. The screening information must be kept on file for three years. Verify eligibility at every encounter and document the eligibility either on the eligibility form, electronic database, vaccine administration record or the medical chart (e.g., EMR, EHR). For more complete information review the Patient Eligibility Screening Record which can be found in the PA VFC Provider Handbook or at <http://www.health.state.pa.us/VFCHandbook>.

## McKesson Packing Slip Revised

All vaccine shipments from McKesson now contain a revised McKesson Packing Slip. The field that previously read “**Ship Date**” has now been revised to read “**Quality Check Date.**” The date previously displayed on the packing slip was not the actual shipping date, but rather the date the order was checked for accuracy prior to being packed. The packing slip is printed and manually verified a few days prior to the vaccine being physically shipped; therefore, this change will help to alleviate provider questions and concerns over discrepancies related to the date shown on the packing slip and the date the vaccine is actually delivered.



McKesson Specialty Care Dist.  
4100 Quail Way, Ste 114  
MEMPHIS, TN 38115

### Packing Slip

This is not an invoice

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Provider PIN: VAA 169  
Delivery No.: 201184959  
**Quality Check Date:** 04-27-2012  
Customer Contact: FORREST, RAINE R.N.

Internal use only  
201184959

NDC	Material No.	Customer P.O.	Material Description Manufacturer	MFR Lot#	Exp. Date	Order Qty	Ship Qty	Unit Price	Extended Price
49281-0510-05	5002529	CM3308	DTAP-IPV-HIB, SDV, 5-pack SANOFI PASTEUR INC	CCB060313	12-31-2014	5	5	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total							5	5	\$0.00

This vaccine was purchased with public (state, local, and/or federal) funds and may be administered only to patients eligible to receive publically-funded vaccine.

If you have questions about your order, or to retrieve a pedigree document for Rx product received on this packing list, please contact your Immunization Program for assistance.

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\***  
Never reject vaccine delivery or discard vaccine shipments without first contacting your state/local immunization program.

Please carefully review this Packing Slip to make sure doses shipped match information stated on the slip.  
**SHIPMENT DISCREPANCIES** - If an excess or shortage is noted, please contact your state/local immunization program listed above under "Grantee." Your state/local immunization program will work with McKesson to correct the issue.

Please have the following information ready when you call your state/local immunization program.  
- Product name and description, Item NDC#, Excess or shortage amount, Delivery No., Provider PIN #

In order to obtain the actual ship date, providers may look at the shipping label on the outside of the box. Above is an example of a Shipping Label and Packing Slip. Please contact PA VFC Customer Service at 888-646-6864 if you have any questions.

## Pentacel Order Limitations

Sanofi Pasteur is temporarily implementing order limitations for Pentacel® (DTaP-HIB-IPV). Ordering limitations for Pentacel® vaccine went into effect Monday, April 20, 2012. PA VFC Pentacel® vaccine orders will be reviewed and may need to be adjusted based on CDC's monthly allocation to the PA VFC Program. The order limitations are put into place to help maximize the availability of the existing DTaP supply and minimize the impact to your practice. Providers can anticipate Pentacel® manufacturing delays, which are predicted to last throughout the summer.

Providers have the option to request equivalent vaccines and, if necessary, can order Pentacel® outside of their assigned Economic Ordering (EOQ) tier. Providers should continue to follow the recommended immunization schedule and ensure that patients receive all recommended doses of DTaP, Hib and polio vaccines.

The PA VFC Vaccine Management Unit will review your reported vaccine usage from past ordering patterns to determine the amount of vaccine needed for your next order period. For more complete information, please access the PA VFC Webpage located at <http://www.health.state.pa.us/vfc>, under the "What's New Link."

If you have any questions, contact the VFC Program at 717- 787-5681.

## Meningococcal Booster Dose

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends meningococcal vaccination beginning at 11 years of age, with a booster dose at 16 years of age. Meningococcal disease poses a serious threat to teenagers, and rates of disease are highest in adolescents and young adults. The bacteria that cause meningococcal disease are spread through the air via sneezing or coughing, as well as through direct contact with an infected person by kissing or sharing a drinking glass.

While meningococcal disease initially may feel like influenza, it can quickly turn deadly. Meningococcal disease can develop rapidly and be fatal to an otherwise healthy person within hours. Of those who survive meningococcal disease, 1 in 5 is left with serious medical problems, including loss of a limb, brain damage and deafness. To access the "Updated Recommendations for Use of Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccines Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)" click on the following link <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6003a3.htm>.

## OIG's Vaccine Management Report on VFC

In 2010 the Inspector General (IG) selected 45 VFC providers from the five largest VFC Grantees (based on 2010 vaccine order volume) and conducted a study in April and May of 2011. Pennsylvania was not included in the study. The study evaluated providers' adherence to three VFC program requirement areas:

- Storage equipment
- Vaccine management
- VFC program eligibility screening

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The IG's report identified that VFC vaccines stored by 76 percent of the 45 selected providers were exposed to inappropriate temperatures for at least five cumulative hours during that period. Thirteen providers stored expired vaccines together with nonexpired vaccines, increasing the risk of mistakenly administering the expired vaccine. The following is a link to the IG report: <http://oig.hhs.gov/oei/reports/oei-04-10-00430.asp>. For Key Messages and Q&A, please access the PA VFC Webpage located at <http://www.health.state.pa.us/vfc>, under the "What's New Link."

## Barcode Added to Vaccine Information Statements

On April 12, 2012, as part of a modernization initiative, CDC added the two-dimensional (2D) "data matrix" barcodes to Vaccine Information Statements (VIS). Currently, this technology is designed primarily to help immunization providers record required information about the VIS by allowing them to scan the name and edition date of a VIS into an electronic medical record, immunization information system, or other electronic database.



A two-dimensional Data Matrix barcode

**NOTE:** Scanning the barcode instead of manually recording the information is optional. For more information, please access <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/vis-barcodes.htm>.

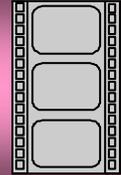


## VFC Video Training

[VFC Provider Site Profile Enrollment Form](#)

[VFC Instructions for Order Form Video](#)

[VFC Temperature Log Video](#)



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