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## **Pediarix® Manufacturing Shortages for VFC Providers**

Effective immediately the Vaccines for Children Program will no longer have Pediarix® (DTaP-IPV-Hep B combination) vaccine available due to the Pediarix® vaccine shortage. The Pediarix® shortage is in effect until further notice.

**VFC providers should continue to administer DTaP, IPV, Hep B, and Hib-containing vaccines to all patients according to recommended schedules.** Single-dose vaccines are still available in full supply.

### **Recommendations for vaccinating with Pediarix® during this shortage include:**

1. Use your existing Pediarix® (combination vaccine) inventory for some or all doses indicated until you run out of inventory. Then, use single dose vaccines.
2. Use only single dose vaccines (see tables below for recommendations on how to administer multiple vaccines at one visit).

### **Additional considerations for providers:**

1. Consider your storage capacity when choosing an option on how to complete the primary series. For example, if you order all single dose vaccines, how will that affect your refrigerator space?
2. If your Pediarix® order is reduced, please submit a new VFC order with doses requested for DTaP, Hep B, IPV, and Hib-containing vaccines.
3. Order as much DTaP, Hep B, IPV, and Hib-containing vaccines as you need to appropriately vaccinate VFC eligible children in your practice. There are no vaccine restrictions for DTaP, Hep B, IPV, and Hib-containing vaccines. Remember to consider your storage capacity when placing your order. Do not over-order.

Please refer to the tables below for guidance on schedules for using the last of your Pediarix® inventory and the single dose series for Hep B, Hib, IPV and DTaP-containing vaccines during the Pentacel® and Pediarix® vaccine shortage.

#### **Schedule for Hep B, Hib\*, DTaP and IPV Without Pediarix®**

<b>Birth</b>	<b>2 mos.</b>	<b>4 mos.</b>	<b>6 mos.</b>	<b>12-15 mos.</b>	<b>4-6 years</b>
Hep B	Hep B		Hep B		
	Hib	Hib	Hib*	Hib	
	DTaP	DTaP	DTaP	DTaP	DTaP**
	IPV	IPV	IPV		IPV**

\*6 month dose of Hib unnecessary if dose #1 and #2 were Merck PedvaxHIB®

\*\*Kinrix® DTaP-IPV (GSK) is available for 5<sup>th</sup> dose DTaP and 4<sup>th</sup> dose IPV

**Schedule for Hep B, Hib\*, IPV, and DTaP Using Pediarix®**

Birth	2 mos.	4 mos.	6 mos.	12-15 mos.	4-6 years
Hep B					
	Hib	Hib	Hib*	Hib	
				DTaP	DTaP**
					IPV**
	Pediarix®	Pediarix®	Pediarix®		

\*6 month dose of Hib unnecessary if dose #1 and #2 were Merck PedvaxHIB®  
 \*\*Kinrix® DTaP-IPV (GSK) is available for 5<sup>th</sup> dose DTaP and 4<sup>th</sup> dose IPV