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To: Vaccines for Children (VFC) practices administering Pentacel

From: Vermont Immunization Program

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This letter is to inform you that the national manufacturing delay involving Sanofi Pasteur's Pentacel (DTaP-IPV/Hib) vaccine has been resolved.

In December of 2015, Vermont VFC practices using Pentacel were asked to limit vaccine administration of Pentacel to doses 1 through 3, only. Additional DTaP and Hib vaccines were ordered to separately administer the fourth dose.

All practices using Pentacel should administer it as a 4-dose series beginning with receipt of vaccine orders placed on or after February 1, 2017. To adjust and calculate your vaccine order increase the quantity of Pentacel (normal quantity x 1.33), and decrease the separate DTaP and Hib to a minimal inventory.

If your practice has more DTaP and Hib in inventory than can be used before the expiration date, please plan to transfer it to a VFC site that administers Pediarix (DTaP-IPV-HepB), which is licensed only for doses 1 through 3.

Thank you for your patience. We apologize for the inconvenience caused by this temporary national shortage. Contact us with questions at AHS.VDHImmunizationProgram@vermont.gov

