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An Immunization Update from the Idaho Immunization Program (IIP)

Vaccines For Children (VFC) Only

Under legal authority granted to the state of Idaho, the Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) participated in a solicitation to bid for a vaccine purchasing cooperative. Only one response was received from a pharmaceutical manufacturer and one "no bid" from a distributor. The one manufacturer's bid did not include all antigens and offered no economic advantage for the purchase of vaccines (prices were private sector costs or greater). Due to this lack of response, IDHW is not able to move forward with the purchasing cooperative, but would like to thank Blue Cross of Idaho for their partnership and commitment to Idaho children.

Therefore, state-supplied vaccine will not be available for Blue Cross of Idaho members.

Effectively immediately, Idaho is now a **VFC-only** state. VFC providers can administer state supplied vaccine **only** to children who meet the VFC guidelines. State-supplied vaccine can be administered to children 0-18 years of age who meet one of the following criteria:

1. Children on Medicaid
2. American Indian/Alaskan Native
3. No health insurance
4. Underinsured- includes a child whose health insurance
 - a) Does not cover vaccines,
 - b) Only covers certain vaccines (the child is VFC eligible for only non-covered vaccines), and/or
 - c) Caps at a certain amount (once that coverage amount is reached, the child is eligible for VFC vaccine).

Underinsured children may only be vaccinated with state-supplied vaccine at a Federally Qualified Health Care Center, a Rural Health Clinic, or a delegated facility (office must have a signed delegation of authority on file with the Idaho Immunization Program).

Deductible amounts do not have an influence on VFC eligibility.

Transition Toolkits

The Idaho Immunization Program will mail VFC transition toolkits the week of July 20, 2009.

Transition Workshops

Transition workshops will continue to be offered from 12:00-1:30 P.M. and 6:00-7:30 P.M. in the following locations. For further details regarding Idaho's VFC transition workshops and registration please go to www.immunizeidaho.com.

- Twin Falls- July 8- Ameritel Inn
- Pocatello- July 9- Ameritel Inn
- Idaho Falls- July 10- Ameritel Inn
- Sandpoint- July 21- Best Western Edgewater Resort
- Coeur d' Alene- July 22- Coeur d' Alene Inn
- Lewiston- July 23- Red Lion Hotel

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