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To: Iowa Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Providers

From: Iowa VFC Program

Re: Vaccine Update: Prevnar 20 (PCV20) ordering

Effective September 27, 2023, the Iowa VFC Program will allow providers to begin ordering Prevnar 20 (PCV20) vaccine. Effective August 29, 2023, Iowa VFC providers are no longer able to order Prevnar 13 (PCV13) due to discontinuation of the product.

PCV20 is approved as an option for pneumococcal conjugate vaccination in children 6 weeks-18 years of age according to currently recommended PCV dosing and schedules. VFC Providers are not required to switch to PCV20 and can continue to use PCV15 and PCV13 vaccines (until PCV13 inventory is depleted). Vaxneuvance (PCV15) will remain available through the VFC Program.

A detailed pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) summary is available [here](#) and includes information on use, dosage, schedule, and contraindications.

VFC Ordering: When placing an order for PCV vaccine, please review the clinic's vaccine inventory to identify all other vaccines needed. VFC providers should continue to use existing PCV stock prior to ordering PCV20 vaccine to avoid stockpiling PCV vaccine. **VFC providers should continue to place vaccine orders consistent with their economic order quantity (monthly, bimonthly or quarterly) and monitor existing inventory to ensure VFC vaccine is not wasted or allowed to expire.** Wastage and expiration may result in restitution per the [Vaccine Restitution Policy](#).

If you have questions regarding recommendations for use of PCV vaccine, contact Shelly Jensen RN BSN at 1-800-831-6293 ext 2. For questions regarding vaccine orders contact the VFC Program at iowaVFC@idph.iowa.gov.