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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Universal Childhood Distribution Program (UCVDP) Participants

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Immunization Branch

**SUBJECT:** Periodic Summary of Changes to the UCVDP Coverage Criteria

The purpose of this memo is to summarize recent changes the Immunization Branch has made to the UCVDP coverage criteria. The coverage criteria document describes eligibility for each state-supplied vaccine. Providers who administer state-supplied products to ineligible patients are subject to fraud and abuse policies.

Listed below are the most recent updates:

- **Influenza:** State-supplied influenza vaccine is now available for all individuals, regardless of age. This change only applies to vaccine expiring on or before June 30, 2009 and will not apply to the 2009-2010 influenza season. Refer to the memo dated January 2, 2009 for further details.
- **Tdap:** While the eligibility for Tdap adult use has not changed, please be aware that the Tdap product Boostrix® is now licensed for persons 10 through 64 years of age, increasing the age range for this product. The pre-filled syringe presentation of this product contains latex, therefore, it is contraindicated for individuals with a previous history of an anaphylactic reaction to latex. This change was effective January 27, 2009.
- **Notes Section:** A sentence was added to the end of the coverage criteria under ACIP Recommendations. The sentence reads, “When administering vaccines to anyone with a history of severe (anaphylactic) allergic reactions, consult the package insert for a full listing of the components of the vaccine and its packaging.” This change was effective January 27, 2009.

Due to numerous questions about changes made to eligibility requirements for **hepatitis A/hepatitis B combination** vaccine, we would like to clarify that state-supplied hep A/hep B combination vaccine, Twinrix®, may not be used for the accelerated, four dose series or for persons with documented history of a completed hepatitis A or B series. This change was made in March 2008.

Given the potential consequences of giving state-supplied vaccines to ineligible patients, we encourage providers to regularly review the UCVDP coverage criteria document at: [www.immunizenc.com/Providers.htm](http://www.immunizenc.com/Providers.htm). All staff administering vaccines should be familiar with this document. Posting a copy of the coverage criteria is recommended in clinic areas.

Questions concerning coverage criteria should be addressed to the Regional Immunization Nurse Consultant serving your area, or by contacting the central office at 919-707-5550.

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