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MEMORANDUM

TO: North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) Participants

FROM: Brandon C. L. Rector MSW
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RE: Transition in Merck's Ordering System

Please be aware that due to a change in Merck's ordering system, we will be unable to submit varicella vaccine orders to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) between Wednesday, March 17, and Tuesday, April 6. All orders received after 3pm on March 17 will be submitted to Merck on April 6 and vaccine will begin to ship at that time.

Please review your supply of varicella vaccine at this time to verify that you have enough on hand to last your practice through the middle of April. If you have any questions, please contact the North Carolina Immunization Help Desk at 1-877-873-6247.

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