



June 7, 2012

To: Maine Healthcare Providers
From: The Maine Vaccine Board
Re: Maine Vaccine Board Update

The Maine Vaccine Board (MVB) would like to thank Maine providers again for their continued support of the Universal Childhood Immunization Program. This new facility continues to perform extraordinarily well. We wanted to advise you right away concerning two matters:

1. Eligibility of non-Maine resident children for the Universal Childhood Immunization Program.

The Department of Health and Human Services has requested clarification from the MVB regarding provision of vaccines to children who live outside of Maine and see a Maine provider for vaccinations. The MVB has reviewed the statute, and we want to advise providers of the following:

- The statute states that vaccines purchased for the Universal Childhood Immunization Program are available only to children who are residents of Maine.
- The Federal “Vaccines for Children” (VFC) Program provides vaccines for children on Medicaid and uninsured children regardless of the state of residence.

2. Provider Transitional Loss Mitigation Program Deadline Reminder:

On February 23, 2012 we notified providers that the MVB had set up a program to aid in the financial transition from privately purchased stock to the new state funded childhood vaccine program. We asked payers to continue to reimburse for any covered childhood vaccines purchased by providers prior to January 1, 2012 and administered from January 1 through April 30, 2012. Payers are not required by Maine’s new statute to pay such claims, so the MVB set aside a fund of up to \$400,000 to mitigate losses providers may experience on any denied claims for childhood immunizations during January-April 2012. This Provider Transitional Loss Mitigation Program (PTLMP) will provide partial reimbursement for any denied vaccine claims. In order to apply for this funding, you will need to document denial of these claims by the third-party payer, and submit a claim to the PTLMP for reimbursement in accordance with the program terms.

Forms and contact information have been posted to the website: www.MEvaccine.org. To review this information, navigate first by clicking on the major “**FOR PROVIDERS**” tab near the top of the MVB website and then click through on the left hand “**PTLMP**” link. You will find both a general description of the PTLMP and the complete set of forms to file a claim. We request that all claims from each provider be submitted in one batch. Please note that **PTLMP claim submissions to MVB must be completed no later than June 30, 2012** to be considered for reimbursement under this program.

Thank you, again for your ongoing support and concern for the wellbeing of Maine’s children.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Fred L. Potter'.

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