



Pediarix Shortage

As many are already aware, Glaxo Smith Kline (GSK) will be instituting allocations of Pediarix until September 2013, as a result of the ongoing Pentacel vaccine shortage. With this, GSK has experienced increased demand for Pediarix vaccine. Unfortunately, they will not be able to supply this vaccine at the same rate over the next 4-6 months before Pentacel is available without restriction, which is currently anticipated to occur in September 2013. We are asking that providers only order half of the Pediarix quantity that have been ordered over the past several months. The Maine Immunization Program would like to take this opportunity to provide you with guidance on how to appropriately use the DTaP combination vaccines, during this shortage.

Pediarix (DTaP-IPV-HepB)

- Pediarix contains the vaccine components DTaP, IPV, and Hepatitis B. The primary series is 3 doses (0.5 mL) given intramuscularly at 2, 4, and 6 months of age. It should not be given to infants younger than 6 weeks of age nor to children 7 years or older.
- Minimum intervals for Pediarix components:

Hepatitis B 2 to 3 = 8 weeks

DTaP 2 to 3 = 4 weeks

IPV 2 to 3 = 4 weeks

Resources :

Additional vaccine information is available from the CDC at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/shortages/default.htm>

The ACIP immunization schedules for persons age birth through 18 years are available at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html>

Maine Immunization Program Updates:

- The Annual Immunization Conference will be held on November 13, 2013 at the Augusta Civic center. This will be a joint conference with ID EPI, HIV-STD and Viral Hepatitis. There will be more information to come.
- Quarterly reports will now be given to providers on distributed and wasted vaccines.

If you have any questions, please contact the Maine Immunization Program at:

Phone :
(207) 287-3746 or
(800) 867-4775

Email :
www.ImmunizeME.DHHS@maine.gov

Kinrix (DTap-IPV)

- **Do not give Kinrix to children who are 2, 4, and 6 months old**
- Kinrix is only licensed for children aged 4-6 years (Hint): Kin = Kindergarten!
- Recommendation:

Booster for fifth dose of DTaP and fourth dose of IPV.
- Cannot be used earlier than the kindergarten dose.
- BUT, if given in error at 15-18 months, can count as valid as long as minimum interval is met (DTaP #3 to #4 = 6 months, IPV #2 to #3 = 4 weeks).
- Using DTAP-IPV in a child younger than age 4 or for other doses in the DTaP or IPV series is not recommended.





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CONGRATULATIONS!

Fifty-six (50) practices have achieved an up-to-date (UTD) rate of **at least 90%** for the 2013 first quarter assessment of children 24-35 months of age in their practice following the 4DTaP, 3Polio, 1MMR, 3 HIB, 3 HepB, 1 Var, 4PCV immunization series. That speaks highly of how well office staff have worked together to reach this goal. Congratulations on your continued efforts to increase immunization coverage in the State of Maine!

Provider Name	UTD Rate	Provider Name	UTD Rate
ACADIA FAMILY HEALTH CENTER	100%	RANGELEY FAMILY MEDICINE	100%
ARNOLD MEMORIAL MEDICAL CTR PA	100%	ROBERT M MERRILL MD	100%
BELFAST FAMILY MEDICINE	100%	SCOTT M CHASE DO	100%
BELGRADE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER	100%	SEARSPORT HEALTH CENTER	100%
BREWER HEALTH CENTER	100%	ST JOHN VALLEY HEALTH CENTER	100%
CORINTH FAMILY PRACTICE	100%	TWIN CITY FAMILY PRACTICE	100%
D.F.D. RUSSELL MEDICAL CENTER – TURNER	100%	WHITING BAY FAMILY MEDICINE	100%
DONALD WALKER HEALTH CENTER	100%	WATERVILLE FAMILY PRACTICE P.A.	96%
FAMILY PRACTICE & INTERNAL MEDICINE	100%	CALAIS REGIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES	95%
FISH RIVER RURAL HEALTH – EAGLE LAKE	100%	BRIDGTON PEDIATRICS	94%
HAMLIN PRIMARY CARE/BEN FISKE HEALTH	100%	D.F.D. RUSSELL MEDICAL CENTER – LEEDS	93%
HAN – MILLINOCKET PRIMARY CARE	100%	FAMILY MEDICINE INSTITUTE	93%
HARRINGTON FAMILY HEALTH CENTER	100%	MECHANIC FALLS FAMILY PRACTICE CTR	93%
HORIZONS HEALTH SERVICES	100%	WESTERN MAINE PEDIATRICS	93%
JACKMAN REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER	100%	AROOSTOOK PEDIATRICS	92%
JUDY L WELCH MD	100%	B STREET HEALTH CENTER	92%
LMP FAMILY CARE CENTER	100%	HELEN HUNT HEALTH CENTER	92%
MERCY PRIMARY CARE - WESTBROOK	100%	KENNEBEC PEDIATRICS	92%
MICMAC SERVICE UNIT	100%	SEBASTICOOK FAMILY DOCTORS – DOVER	92%
MILBRIDGE MEDICAL CENTER	100%	BETHEL FAMILY HEALTH CENTER	91%
NEW HORIZONS MADISON	100%	OAKLAND FAMILY MEDICINE	91%
ORONO FAMILY MEDICINE	100%	SEBASTICOOK FAMILY DOCTORS – DEXTER	91%
PASSAMAQUODDY HEALTH CENTER	100%	FISH RIVER RURAL HEALTH – FORT KENT	90%
PENOBSCOT NATION HEALTH DEPT	100%	STRONG AREA HEALTH CENTER	90%
PINES HEALTH SERVICES - CARIBOU	100%	WALDOBORO FAMILY MEDICINE	90%

Successful immunization of clients involves the participation of everyone in a provider office. Quarterly, MIP will continue to acknowledge practices identified with **90% or greater** UTD rates. Congratulations again for all your hard work!



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