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To: Maine Immunization Providers

From: Maine Immunization Program

Subject: 2014 Annual VFC Provider Educational Requirement

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The Maine Immunization Program (MIP) is requiring that all Vaccines for Children (VFC) enrolled providers complete a Storage and Handling training for 2014. The primary and secondary vaccine managers are required to complete the educational requirement; however the MIP strongly encourages all staff involved with vaccine storage and handling to participate as well.

In order to fulfill this requirement, a provider must do **ONE** of the following:

- Complete the Storage and Handling - You Call the Shots online module  
<http://www2a.cdc.gov/nip/isd/ycts/mod1/courses/sh/ce.asp>
- Attend a VFC regional training by the Maine Immunization Program
- Attend a training from Maine Health (only for providers owned by Maine Health)

Providers who receive any of the following types of site visit from an MIP staff will also fulfill this requirement:

- VFC Compliance site visit
- VFC Enrollment Storage and Handling visit

(For more detailed information on these types of site visits, please refer to:

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/immunization/providers/communications/2013/April-Immunization-Newsletter.pdf>)

Please be aware that this educational training will be **required on an annual basis** and when new employees are hired. A provider site must notify MIP within 7 days if your facility has a change in a vaccine manager position. MIP **will not supply** vaccine to new facilities unless both the primary and secondary vaccine managers have completed a Storage and Handling training.

If you have any questions, please contact Celeste Poulin at 207-287-4466 or email [Celeste.Poulin@maine.gov](mailto:Celeste.Poulin@maine.gov).

Thank you for your dedication to keep the citizens of Maine free from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Sincerely,

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