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To: Maine Immunization Providers
From: Maine Immunization Program
Subject: Vaccines for Children (VFC) Eligibility
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As you are aware, since January 1st, 2012 the Maine Immunization Program has received funds from health insurance companies in Maine to cover the purchase of all Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended vaccines for children up through age 18 that are insured through private insurance plans.

What this means is that any child, through age 18, regardless of their insurance status, can receive any vaccine that we provide. You must still continue to record the VFC status, at time of vaccination administration, of all children in the ImmPact system.

As a reminder, children up through 18 years of age who meet at least one of the following criteria are considered **VFC eligible**:

- Enrolled in Medicaid
- Does not have health insurance
- Is an American Indian or Alaska Native
- Is underinsured (has health insurance that does not pay for vaccinations)

Children who are privately insured **MUST** be recorded as not VFC eligible in the ImmPact system. These children do not qualify for vaccines purchased with VFC funds; however, they do qualify for vaccines purchased with other funds and **can receive vaccine** supplied by the Maine Immunization Program.

Attached is the revised VFC eligibility screening form that reflects these changes. You are not required to use this form, however if your site is chosen for a VFC compliance visit, you will be required to demonstrate how your practice screens patients for VFC eligibility.

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

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