



Important News from the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health)

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Temporary Order Limitations for Pentacel[®] Vaccine

The purpose of this memo is to inform VFC provider offices of a temporary supply delay and subsequent order limitations related to Sanofi Pasteur's DTaP-IPV & Hib combination vaccine, Pentacel[®] (NDC 49281-0510-05). Effective immediately, all grantees across the United States are expected to receive vaccine allocations slightly below 2/3 of the amount of Pentacel[®] they normally receive. The supply delay is expected to last throughout the summer of 2012. Stringent allocations of Pentacel[®] vaccine are necessary due to a manufacturing delay that will temporarily reduce supply below the level needed to fully satisfy market demand. This is solely a manufacturing delay issue and not a safety or quality issue.

Provider orders will be filled using the limited Pentacel[®] allocations, as well as single antigen DTaP, Hib, and IPV vaccines. No child should go unvaccinated due to Pentacel[®] vaccine supply delays. Complement vaccine supplies in other presentations will be available and should be used to avoid missed opportunities to vaccinate.

The chart below provides an example of how you can interchange vaccine products to ensure clients are up-to-date with their required immunization series. Any use of the Pentacel combined with the single antigen products should be based on your actual allocations for this delay period:

Suggested Schedule for Using Pentacel[®] and DTaP, IPV, & Hib Single Antigens to Complete Vaccination Series

Birth	2 mos.	4 mos.	6 mos.	15-18 mos.	4-6 years
Hep B	Hep B		Hep B		
			Hib	Hib	
			DTaP	DTaP	DTaP
			IPV		IPV
	Pentacel	Pentacel			

Please feel free to contact Kenya Wilson, VFC Program Coordinator at (210) 207-3974 regarding questions to the information presented. For questions regarding vaccine ordering, please contact Anthony Johnson, Vaccine Management at (210) 207-4015.

Thank you for your continued efforts to protect our community!