



PROVIDER UPDATE

Pennsylvania Department of Health,
Bureau of Communicable Diseases, Division of Immunizations

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Vaccine Storage & Handling Webinar

The Pennsylvania Department of Health Vaccines for Children Program presents a joint webinar/teleconference on Vaccines Storage and Handling. The topic “Common problems and easy solution” will be moderated by Amy Wishner, MSN, RN; Director, EPIC Immunization Education Program, Pennsylvania American Academy of Pediatrics (PA AAP), and presented by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Immunizations Nurse Consultants. The broadcast is Wednesday, June 4, 2014, 12:15-1:30 PM. This joint webinar/teleconference offers physicians and practice staff in-office updates on immunization techniques, recommended vaccine storage and handling guidelines, vaccine administration, and immunization schedules. The joint webinar/teleconference on Vaccines Storage and Handling through the PA AAP “Let’s Talk” series is offered at no cost and activities are approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit. Completion of this webinar/teleconference counts towards the PA VFC Annual Provider Training requirement as mandated by the CDC.

Speaker handouts for webinar/teleconference: Handouts will be emailed to participants and posted on the PA AAP website (www.paaap.org) by May 28, 2014. If you are participating by webinar, handouts will be presented live. For registration information e-mail (paaap@paaap.org) to reserve a space or click on the following link http://www.paaap.org/show_event.php?eventid=d61b .

2014 PA VFC Program Provider Handbook

The PA VFC Program is pleased to announce that the 2014 PA VFC Program Provider Handbook will be distributed via the US Postal Service during the month of June 2014. The Provider Handbook is a comprehensive guide which outlines the procedures and requirements for participation in the PA VFC program. It also contains all necessary programmatic forms and documents. Hard-copies will be mailed to all enrolled PA VFC provider facilities. Call the PA VFC toll free line at 888-646-6864 for any questions or assistance.

2014 Re-enrollment

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requires that you update the “2014 PA VFC Program Provider Agreement Form” annually. The PA VFC Program Provider Agreement Form will be emailed in electronic format to currently enrolled VFC providers during the month of May. Once you receive it, please complete and re-turn. Your annual updates establish a vaccine allowance for your practice and also help us to calculate vaccine needs for the 2014 PA VFC Program year. While completing the annual patient population portion of the PA VFC Program Provider Agreement form, please supply accurate data for the number of children in your practice in each age cohort and each eligibility category. Include data for all patients in your practice, whether or not they are eligible to receive PA VFC vaccines. Patient information must be based on data, not estimates.

Completion of this form is required; regardless if there have not been any changes in your practice. In order to participate in the PA VFC Program and/or receive federally procured vaccine provided at no cost, the Medical Director (or equivalent) must electronically or manually sign the PA VFC Program Provider Agreement Form.

If the PA VFC Program does not receive your completed forms by Friday, June 5, 2014, there may be a delay in processing your vaccine orders received after this date. A copy of the PA VFC Program Provider Agreement Form should be retained by the primary contact person. If you require assistance with completing the PA VFC Program Provider Agreement Form, contact the PA VFC Program at the toll-free telephone number: 1-888-646-6864. We will be happy to assist you.