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MEMORANDUM 2015-02

TO: All Vaccine Providers

FROM: Tim Heath

DATE: June 30, 2015

RE: Changes to the Immunization Registry Law/ Meningococcal B Vaccine

During the 2015 legislative session a bill was passed that amended the Immunization Registry Law § 34-22-12.5. Beginning July 1, 2015 providers must notify patients or if the patient is a minor, their parent/guardian, in any written form of the opportunity to not have their data shared in the South Dakota Immunization Information System (SDIIS).

Clinics should have the sign “Immunization Records May be Shared” already in their clinic. This sign has been in use for many years and is sufficient for notifying patients of the opportunity to not have their data shared. We have also created a brochure that has the benefits of vaccinations and the benefits of having their data in SDIIS. We have enclosed a copy of the brochure. Additionally we have enclosed a pad of the new SDIIS opt out form that you can have the patient/parent/guardian sign if they do not want their information shared. Please keep any completed SDIIS opt out forms on file in your clinic; you do not need to send a copy to the state immunization program. All of these items are available for order from the State Immunization Program.

During the June 2015 meeting of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) a resolution was passed to broaden the use of Meningococcal B vaccines to cover individual clinical decision-making (previously referred to as “permissive use”). The State Immunization Program will make both of the Meningococcal B vaccines available for use in all VFC eligible children 16 through 18 years of age. As a reminder the two vaccines are TRUMENBA® which is a three dose series, and BEXSERO® which is a two dose series. Both vaccines are also available to high risk children 10-18 years of age that are VFC eligible. We have updated the states vaccine eligibility chart to match the ACIP resolution. We will send a copy out to all providers once they are printed.

Tim Heath