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An Immunization Update from the Idaho Immunization Program (IIP)

## CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS) REGIONAL CAP FEE INCREASE

The CMS cap fee for doses administered in Idaho is currently \$14.34 per dose. On Tuesday, January 1, 2013, the CMS regional cap fee in Idaho will increase to \$20.13 per dose.

The 2012-2013 Provider Enrollment Agreement dated October 2012 item #8 is amended as follows:

“I will not charge more than the CMS Regional Fee Cap of **\$20.13** per vaccine dose to VFC-eligible non-Medicaid clients. For Medicaid VFC-eligible clients, I will accept the reimbursement for immunization administration set the by the state Medicaid agency or the contracted Medical health plans.”

## INSURED WASHINGTON RESIDENTS

Idaho Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers may continue to use vaccine supplied by the IIP to vaccinate insured Washington children. Washington has immunization assessment legislation similar to Idaho. The Washington Vaccine Association will provide funding for insured Washington children through the Idaho Immunization Assessment Fund.

Please remember vaccines supplied by the IIP may not be used to vaccinate non-VFC eligible children from states other than Idaho and Washington. For example, insured children from Oregon, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, and Montana may not receive vaccine supplied by the IIP.

## PROQUAD

ProQuad® (MMR, Varicella) is available to order from the IIP.

ProQuad® is a combination vaccine for measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella indicated for children 12 months through 12 years of age. Each 0.5mL dose of ProQuad® is administered subcutaneously. The vaccine must be stored frozen between -58°F and +5°F.

Please see the attached document for scheduling, interval, contraindications, and general vaccine information.

## VACCINE ORDERS

No vaccine orders will be processed until Monday, January 7, 2013, as the IIP transitions to a new vaccine ordering system with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

## 2012-2013 PROVIDER RE-ENROLLMENT PACKET

The 2012-2013 Provider Re-enrollment Packet must be returned to the IIP before vaccine orders will be processed. The forms may be returned through the mail (using the business reply envelope distributed with the paperwork) or by fax to (208) 334-4914.

Please contact the IIP at (208) 334-5931 or [IIP@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:IIP@dhw.idaho.gov) with any questions about the forms.



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## BRAND CHOICE

VFC providers in Idaho may choose the vaccine brands to administer in their office. The brand choices must be submitted to the IIP in writing on the brand choice form or in an email to the IIP at [iip@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:iip@dhw.idaho.gov). Once brand choice is submitted, the brands may not be changed again for six months.

Included in the 2012-2013 Provider Re-enrollment Packet is a brand choice form for January 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013. If your office would like to make a change to the vaccine brands currently supplied, then complete the brand choice form. If your office does not want to make a change, then you do not need to submit the brand choice form. Brand choice changes must be submitted to the IIP by Monday, December 31, 2012. Changes to brand choice will take effect January 7, 2013 (after the holiday order blackout).

## PENTACEL VACCINE UPDATE

Pentacel® (DTaP-IPV/Hib) vaccine is expected to remain in very limited supply until at least April 2013. Continue to follow the recommended immunization schedule and ensure that patients receive all recommended doses of DTaP, Hib, and Polio vaccines.

## IRIS

The IIP is still working with some medical providers to fine-tune immunization data exports from their Electronic Health Records (EHRs) to Idaho's Immunization Reminder Information System (IRIS). If your office is one of the sites where the EHR-IRIS connection is still not fully implemented, then please continue to provide parents with a written copy of their children's immunization records so they may meet Idaho's school and/or childcare immunization requirements.

## EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

Receive this Important Notice electronically through your email. If you would like to receive a copy of the Idaho Immunization Program Important Notice by email, then complete the Electronic Immunization Updates on the Healthcare Provider page of the IIP website.

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### **Indication**

Indicated for children 12 months through 12 years of age.

### **Dosing**

.5mL

Route Subcutaneous

### **Scheduling**

**Dose 1:** 12 to 23 months old who have not been previously vaccinated against measles, mumps, rubella, or varicella, nor have a history of the wild-type infections.

**Dose 2:** 4-6 years of age

### **Interval**

At least 1 month should elapse between a dose of a measles-containing vaccine, such as M-M-R<sup>®</sup> II (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Virus Vaccine Live), and a dose of ProQuad<sup>®</sup>. At least 3 months should elapse between a dose of varicella-containing vaccine and ProQuad<sup>®</sup>.

### **Storage and Handling**

- ProQuad<sup>®</sup> must be stored frozen between –58°F and +5°F.
- ProQuad<sup>®</sup> may be stored at refrigerator temperature (36°F to 46°F, 2°C to 8°C) for up to 72 hours prior to reconstitution. Discard any ProQuad<sup>®</sup> vaccine stored at 36°F to 46°F which is not used within 72 hours.
- Protect the vaccine from light at all times since such exposure may inactivate the vaccine viruses.
- Diluent should be stored separately at room temperature (68°F to 77°F, 20°C to 25°C), or in a refrigerator (36°F to 46°F, 2°C to 8°C).
- Reconstituted vaccine may be stored at room temperature, protected from light, for up to 30 minutes.
- Discard reconstituted vaccine if it is not used within 30 minutes.
- Do not freeze reconstituted vaccine.

### **General Vaccine Information**

#### **ACIP Preference 4-6 years of age**

In an observational post-marketing study, no case of febrile seizure was observed during the 5- to 12-day post-vaccination period among children (n=26,455) who received ProQuad<sup>®</sup> as a 2nd dose.

### **Precaution/Contraindications**

- A personal or family history of seizures of any etiology is a precaution for vaccination with ProQuad<sup>®</sup>.
- Dose one is associated with higher rates of fever and febrile seizures at 5 to 12 days after vaccination when compared to children vaccinated with dose one of both M-M-R<sup>®</sup> II (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Virus Vaccine Live) and VARIVAX<sup>®</sup> (Varicella Virus Vaccine Live) administered separately.
- Use caution when administering ProQuad<sup>®</sup> to children with: a history of cerebral injury or seizures or any other condition in which stress due to fever should be avoided; anaphylaxis or immediate hypersensitivity to eggs; contact hypersensitivity to neomycin; thrombocytopenia.
- Advise vaccines to avoid: close contact with high-risk individuals susceptible to varicella; pregnancy for 3 months after vaccination; using salicylates for 6 weeks after vaccination. Defer vaccination for at least 3 months following blood or plasma transfusions, or administration of immune globulins (IG).
- History of anaphylactic reaction to neomycin or hypersensitivity to gelatin or any other component of the vaccine.
- Primary or acquired immunodeficiency states.
- Family history of congenital or hereditary immunodeficiency.
- Immunosuppressive therapy.
- Active untreated tuberculosis or febrile illness.
- Pregnancy.

For more information please see the package insert:

[http://www.merck.com/product/usa/pi\\_circulars/p/proquad/proquad\\_pi.pdf](http://www.merck.com/product/usa/pi_circulars/p/proquad/proquad_pi.pdf)