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Dear VFC Providers:

As you may be aware, the existing agreement extending authority to vaccinate underinsured patients with Vaccines for Children (VFC) vaccine to all Nevada providers enrolled in the VFC Program expired December 31, 2012. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued new guidance for deputization and the Nevada State Immunization Program has completed the approval process with the CDC to deputize a limited number of providers in Nevada with the authority to use VFC vaccine on underinsured patients.

The Nevada State Immunization Program was allowed to select a very limited number of non-public providers for deputization based on strict criteria set forth by the CDC in the *Guidance for use of Vaccines for Children (VFC) Deputization to Extend Access to Underinsured Children with VFC Vaccine*. (www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/awardees/op-guide.html)

Your site has been selected for deputization based on criteria set by the CDC. In order to be deputized to provide VFC vaccine to underinsured patients you must agree to the requirements listed in the attached MOU. These requirements are also set forth in the above website link.

One of the listed requirements is the “Agreement to vaccinate walk-in” VFC-eligible underinsured children. According to CDC, “walk-in” refers to any underinsured child who presents requesting a vaccine; not just established patients. However, this does not mean that the patient must be accommodated without first scheduling an appointment. To meet this requirement, your site must agree to provide immunizations to underinsured children who are not established patients in the same manner and time frame that you provide those services to established patients. Please note that “walk-in” patients do not have to receive other medical services and can just request immunization services.

Please review the attached MOU and return the completed signature page to Teneale Chapton at the Nevada State Immunization Program no later than COB on February 22, 2013. The Nevada State Immunization Program must comply with this CDC regulation. We apologize for this inconvenience to your practice and your patients. If you should have any questions or concerns regarding this deputization please feel free to contact Teneale Chapton at (775) 684-5913 or tchapton@health.nv.gov.