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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](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/awardees/op-guide.html))

**Your site was not selected for deputization at this time. Effective immediately, all underinsured patients must be referred to a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Rural Health Clinic (RHC), Local Health Department (LHD), Community Health Nurse, or one of the newly approved deputized non-public providers. Attached you will find a list of all sites with authority to vaccinate underinsured patients.**

To be approved by the CDC, the Nevada State Immunization Program used population data, doses administered data, and county and city level mapping to show that providers selected for deputization were necessary to serve a population of underinsured children who face barriers to receiving VFC vaccine because of: geographic distance from an FQHC/RHC, insufficient capacity of a FQHC/RHC to serve the needs of the underinsured population, or no LHDs or insufficient capacity of LHDs to be deputized to serve the needs of the underinsured population in their service areas.

**Deputized providers have signed an MOU requiring them to offer immunizations to underinsured children referred from non-deputized providers. If your patients have difficulty obtaining immunizations from deputized providers please notify the Nevada State Immunization Program.**

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 referral of your underinsured patients to an FQHC, RHC, LHD, Community Health Nurse, or deputized public or private provider please feel free to contact Teneale Chapton at (775) 684-5913 or [tchapton@health.nv.gov](mailto:tchapton@health.nv.gov).