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To: **Immunization Program Enrolled Providers** From: Nevada State Immunization Program (NSIP) Subject: New Guidance on Vaccine Administration Fees

Dear Providers.

Effective immediately, per guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and updated state policy, providers cannot deny access to federally funded (Vaccines for Children, 317) or state funded (NV Checkup, other state purchased) vaccines to an established underinsured or uninsured patient that is unable to pay the vaccine administration fee. Providers also cannot bill an underinsured or uninsured patient if they are unable to pay the vaccine administration fee at the time of the visit. This means if a patient cannot pay at the time of service, the provider must write off the administration costs.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Shannon Bennet, Immunization Program Manager at sbennett@health.nv.gov, Glenn Witt, Vaccine Manager at gwitt@health.nv.gov, or Pam Forest, Quality Assurance Manager at pforest@health.nv.gov.