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SUBJECT: Changes to the Student Immunization Law

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to advise the child care certification agencies that the Wisconsin Student Immunization Law (Administrative Rule HFS 144) was changed effective September 1, 2008. **Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV)**, trade name Prevnar, is now required for children in all Wisconsin licensed child care centers and certified homes who are between the ages of 5 months through 4 year.

POLICY CHANGE

DWD 55, Child Care Certification rules require the certified providers to have on file a written record verifying that each child in care has been immunized in accordance with HFS 144. Effective September 1st, 2008, PCV was added to the required vaccines. The following questions and answers were developed to help implement this rule change.

1. How many doses of PCV are required?

The following doses of Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) are required in the following age groups:

- 5 months - 15 months: **2 doses**
- 16 months - 23 months: **3 doses**
- 2 years - 4 years: **3 doses**

2. Are there exceptions to the PCV requirement?

Yes, the following exceptions apply:

- A child who begins the PCV series at 12 to 23 months of age is only required to receive 2 doses.
- A child who receives the first dose of PCV at 24 months of age do not need any more doses of PCV.

3. Starting September 1, 2008, what are the PCV requirement deadlines for an incompletely immunized child?

- Within 1 ½ months after admission, each child who does not file a waiver must submit written evidence of having received the first dose of PCV.
- Within 4 ½ months after admission, each child who does not file a waiver must submit written evidence of having received the second dose of PCV.
- Within 1 ½ months after admission the following year each child who does must submit written evidence of having received the third dose of PCV.

4. Can the new vaccine requirements be waived?

Yes, the immunization requirements will be waived for children whose parents elect a religious or personal conviction waiver option on the Day Care Immunization Record. See 55.08 (4) (e) in the [Commentary Manual](#) for immunization waivers.

5. What do day care providers need to do and what new forms should be used?

For new children

Parents of children enrolling in day care for the first time should submit the revised [Day Care Immunization Record \(DPH 4192\)](#) and report the dates of all required vaccines including PCV. Please discard all previous versions of this form.

For currently enrolled children

Department of Health Services (DHS), Immunization Program has developed a [Day Care Immunization Fact Sheet for Parents](#) to inform them about the new law. The fact sheet provides answers to common questions parents may have about this new PCV vaccine requirement and instructs them to report the date(s) their child received vaccines. In addition these parents must complete and return the revised [Day Care Immunization Record](#) which includes highlighted boxes to record the PCV dates.

Both the [Day Care Immunization Record](#) and the [Day Care Immunization Fact Sheet for Parents](#) are available at <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/regs.htm> or can be ordered by faxing the enclosed order form to the Immunization Program at 608-267-9493 or send it to PO Box 6259, Madison, WI, 53701-2659.

6. Does the PCV requirement apply to children in 3-or 4-year old kindergartens or Early Childhood Programs?

The PCV requirement applies only to children enrolled in a licensed or certified day care program. If a child is enrolled in an elementary school program and also attends day care, the requirement would apply to that child.

7. Will physicians be alerted to this new requirement?

Yes, a notice announcing the new vaccine requirement was mailed to physicians and clinics statewide.

8. Why is this requirement being made?

Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) has been shown to be highly effective in reducing disease caused by the pneumococcus bacteria (for example pneumonia, bacteremia, meningitis, and acute otitis media) among children less than 5 year of age. PCV is

recommended for preschool age children attending day care center by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The vaccine was licensed in 2000 and is administered by most health care providers as part of the routine childhood immunization schedule.

If you have any questions about the information contained in this memo, please call your Regional Immunization Representative, whose names, locations and phone numbers are listed below:

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Cathy Edwards (Milw) 414-227-3995
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