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To: Local Health Departments

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Perinatal Hepatitis B Program Change

Case management is critical to the prevention of perinatal hepatitis B virus transmission. Key components of case management include ensuring that each infant born to a woman with hepatitis B virus infection is given appropriate immunoprophylaxis (i.e., hepatitis B immunoglobulin and hepatitis B vaccine within 12 hours of birth) and completes the hepatitis B vaccine series and post-vaccination serologic testing.

We recognize that following cases for the duration of time needed to ensure receipt of the vaccine series and post-vaccination serologic can be challenging and therefore we continue to offer local health departments compensation for perinatal hepatitis B case management services provided. Specifically, we continue to provide local health departments \$200 for each pregnant woman with hepatitis B virus infection identified, \$200 for each infant born to them who completes the hepatitis B vaccine series, and \$200 upon completion of post-vaccination serologic testing.

New Requirements for 2019

Beginning January 2019, local health departments requesting reimbursement for perinatal hepatitis B case management services will be required to identify at least one staff member who performs perinatal hepatitis B case management, provide that name and contact information to the Wisconsin program, and have that individual view an educational webinar on hepatitis B created by the Wisconsin program. We anticipate this webinar will be available in early 2019; local health departments will be notified when it is available and how to access it, as well as how to provide documentation of having completed this activity. Please note that completion of this activity will be required before the reimbursement for perinatal hepatitis B activities (as described above) will be processed. Please send the name of the individual, their title, and email address to stephanie.borchardt@wisconsin.gov by January 15, 2019.

Communication

In an effort to disseminate important information on perinatal hepatitis B case management and provide more resources and technical support, we are creating a group email list specific for those involved in perinatal hepatitis B activities. All of the perinatal hepatitis B contacts described above will be included in this list; however, health departments should feel free to send the contact information of additional staff who wish to receive this information as well. Please send name(s) and email address(es) to stephanie.borchardt@wisconsin.gov.

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We thank you for your continued efforts to ensure that infants receive the proper treatment in a timely manner. These activities profoundly affect the lives of these infants and we look forward to a continued partnership. We support all you do to ensure they live long, healthy lives.

If you have further questions about these changes or need technical assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the program. Thank you.