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Dear Health Care Provider:

Manitoba Health's HPV Immunization Program:

Effective March 31st 2014, all Manitoba girls and women in Grade 6 to age 17 (i.e. those born on or after January 1st 1997) are eligible to receive the publicly-funded (i.e. free-of-charge) HPV vaccine series. Girls or women with increased risk of HPV infection who started the 3-dose vaccine series before March 31st will be eligible to finish the series free-of-charge.

Manitoba Health's Pneumococcal Conjugate 13 (Pneu-C-13) Immunization Program:

Manitoba Health has updated provincial eligibility criteria for its routine childhood Pneu-C-13 immunization program:

- Children 2 months to < 59 months of age are eligible to receive 3 doses (2, 4 and 12 months of age)*
- Children 2 months to < 59 months of age living in First Nations communities are eligible to receive 4 doses (2, 4, 6 and 18 months of age)*
- Children up to 59 months of age who received the 7 valent pneumococcal vaccine (Pneu-C-7) series are eligible to receive 1 dose of Pneu-C-13
- Children 2 months to < 59 months of age with at least one of the following high risk medical conditions are eligible to receive 4 doses (2, 4, 6 and 18 months of age):*
 - Chronic cerebral spinal fluid (CSF) leak
 - Chronic neurologic condition that may impair clearance of oral secretions
 - Cochlear implants (including those children who are to receive implants)
 - Chronic cardiac or pulmonary disease
 - Diabetes mellitus
 - Asplenia (functional or anatomic)
 - Sickle cell disease or other hemoglobinopathies
 - Congenital immunodeficiencies involving any part of the immune system, including B-lymphocyte (humoral) immunity, T-lymphocyte (cell) mediated immunity, complement system (properdin, or factor D deficiencies), or phagocytic functions
 - Hematopoietic stem cell transplant (recipient)
 - HIV infection
 - Immunosuppressive therapy including use of long term corticosteroids, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, post-organ transplant therapy, and certain anti-rheumatic drugs
 - Chronic kidney disease, including nephrotic syndrome
 - Chronic liver disease (including hepatic cirrhosis due to any cause)
 - Malignant neoplasms including leukemia and lymphoma
 - Solid organ or islet transplant (candidate or recipient)

* For late or incomplete dosing schedules, please see the Canadian Immunization Guide

For more information about Manitoba Health's Publicly-Funded Immunization Program including provincial program standards, eligibility criteria and printable immunization schedules, access the province's online *Immunization Program Manual for Immunization Providers in Manitoba* at: www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/manual/index.html.

Manitoba Health's *Vaccines and Biologics Order Form* is available online at: www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/vaccinebiologics.pdf

Please share this information with all relevant colleagues in your facility or clinic.

Sincerely,



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