

## **Influenza Vaccine Orders Reminder**

### **ORDER DEADLINE 7/31**

**July 27, 2011**

Dear Phoenix Health Plan (PHP) Providers:

Beginning July 1, 2011, the Arizona Immunization Program Vaccine Center will begin accepting initial influenza vaccine orders for the 2011-2012 influenza season for Arizona VFC eligible children. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that influenza vaccine be administered to all children 6 months through 18 years of age.

The Initial Influenza Order/Reporting form must be filled out for **only the amount of flu vaccine you will administer in six (6) weeks**, and returned no later than **July 31, 2011**. Consider the amount of flu vaccine you are requesting and the amount of storage you have in your refrigerators when placing your order. Six (6) choices of flu vaccine are being offered this year. You **cannot** order flu vaccine on line – it must be on paper order forms.

Please closely review and consider the age groups, manufacturer, and vaccine dosages when placing your order. If the initial order is received after August 1, 2011 the order may be delayed. Initial flu orders may be reduced due to vaccine availability, doses administered last year, doses wasted or expired, or quantity of vaccines ordered.

**You will not automatically receive the balance of your initial order if the supply is reduced. After receipt of initial influenza orders, providers may order additional influenza vaccine on the Influenza Vaccine Order and Reporting form. Important: Eligibility, doses administered, and influenza vaccine inventory must be reported monthly.**

The Influenza Vaccine Information Statements (VISs) will be available after July 1, 2011. Please check [www.immunize.org](http://www.immunize.org) for the current TIV (trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine) and LAIV (live attenuated influenza vaccine) versions.

Please remember that children under nine (9) years of age receiving influenza vaccine for the first time should receive two doses spaced four (4) weeks apart. Children who received only one dose of influenza vaccine in their first year of vaccination should receive two (2) doses in their second year of vaccination.

If you have questions, please call the Vaccine Center at (602) 364-3642.

If you have any questions, please contact your Provider Relations Representative directly or at the department number shown below.

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