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Dear VFC Provider:

In an effort to improve vaccine accountability, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has implemented changes to the packing slip you receive from McKesson with each Vaccines for Children (VFC) program vaccine shipment. Since October 1, 2013, this packing slip has included a breakdown by funding source of each vaccine supplied to you.

As long as you report the VFC eligibility status for *each* vaccine you administer to the Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR), indicating Medicaid, Uninsured, Insurance Does Not Cover Vaccine, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Not Eligible, or Child Health Plus B, you do not have to do anything further to comply with the CDC requirement to account for all vaccines included in your VFC order. As a reminder, you are required to report VFC eligibility for each dose of vaccine you administer.

We have attached a sample of what you may find on a packing slip, using a shipment of 30 doses of Flumist[®] as an example. The packing slip indicates that 20 doses are for children covered by VFC (as evidenced by the "20" in the VFC Doses column), 5 doses are for children covered by 317 funds (as evidenced by the "5" in the 317 Doses column), 3 doses are for children covered by State funds (as evidenced by the "3" in the State Doses column), and 2 doses are for children covered by the Children's Health Insurance Program (which we refer to as "CHIP B" and for which you see a "2" in the CHIP Doses column). The number of doses provided by each funding source is dictated by your provider profile and the VFC eligibility status of your patients, based on CIR reporting. Some of the funding sources (e.g., 317 and State) are not ones that you are accustomed to seeing, and reflect non-VFC sources of publicly-funded vaccine. Section 317 funding is federal funding used to purchase vaccine for underinsured children, and the State column in our case would refer to pediatric vaccine purchased with City funds, which we do not do, so this column should be zero in most cases.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at - nycimmunize@health.nyc.gov. As always, we thank you for your help keeping New York City children safe from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane R. Zucker".

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