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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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RE: Economic Ordering Quantity (EOQ)

Dear VFC Provider:

Last August the Kansas Immunization Program introduced the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) restructured vaccine ordering process. This process distributes publicly-funded vaccines to providers to improve efficiency and accountability, reduce costs, and enhance CDC's ability to respond to public health emergencies including shortages, natural disasters, and disease outbreaks. One of the key steps you took was moving to the tiered ordering frequency (TOF) when all vaccine grantees moved to McKesson Distribution. The EOQ is the next step in placing publicly-funded vaccine orders on a set order frequency cycle, based upon your vaccine usage and storage capacity.

The CDC has more current and extensive data than what was available a couple years ago. As a result, the immunization program will review each VFC provider's existing order frequencies, vaccine storage capacity and vaccine emergency retrieval policies as we begin transitioning you into your assigned Economic Order Quantity (EOQ). This transition will occur over the course of the next five months so that every VFC provider in Kansas will be actively using their tier by June 30, 2010. The tiered EOQ ordering process balances provider order size, order frequency, the timing of orders, and storage and handling to minimize costs and improve efficiencies as orders flow through the system.

What does this mean for you? Some of you will be asked to:

- Change how frequently you order publicly-funded vaccine
- Order publicly-funded vaccine during a certain two-week order window during the month (first or second half of the month).

In the next few weeks, you will receive a follow-up letter letting you know if your order frequency will change and which two-week order window during the month (first or second half of the month) you will be asked to place your order. In addition, we will hold Go To meetings to review more in-depth information and to answer your specific questions. We will provide the dates and times of these Go To meetings as soon as possible.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

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