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Wasted Vaccine Return Procedure

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The Kansas Immunization Program has established a procedure for the handling and return of wasted vaccines received through the Vaccines For Children Program. According to the terms of the contracts and stipulations of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act, covered vaccines which cannot be administered because of improper refrigerator/freezer storage, improper handling during shipment, destruction, expiration, or any other event which results in the return of the vaccine to the manufacturer (other than for resale) will be eligible for a Federal excise tax credit. This pertains only to vaccines that are purchased with VFC, State, or 317 Program funds.

VFC providers are not to destroy wasted vaccines but are to return vaccines to the McKesson Distribution Center for return to appropriate manufacturers. These vaccines may be returned to McKesson in the foam containers in which vaccines have been received, which include a postage-paid return label. An exception would be vaccines which have been drawn up in a syringe for administration. Do not return these vaccines but report them on the Wasted Vaccine Return Form as "destroyed". Pre-filled syringes with needles still in the manufacturer's packaging are acceptable; however, do not return any syringes with needles attached that are not covered. Also, do not return any broken vials. Place one copy of the Wasted Vaccine Report Form in the container with the wasted vaccine and send one copy to the Kansas Immunization Program.

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