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Dear Health Care Provider:

Re: Pneu-C-13 and Tdap Immunization Program Updates

Pneu-C-13 Catch-up Dose:

- Children up to 59 months of age who received the Pneu-C-7 vaccine series are now eligible to receive 1 dose of Pneu-C-13 vaccine free-of-charge.

Pneu-C-13 Schedule Change:

- **Non high-risk** children to follow 2+1 schedule at 2, 4 and 12 months (unless they have already received the 6 month dose of the 3+1 schedule).
- **High risk** children, which includes children of Aboriginal ancestry and medical conditions as per Pneu-C-13 Fact Sheet (see link below), to continue to follow current 3+1 schedule at 2, 4, 6 and 18 months of age.

Manitoba Health is planning to mail a letter at the end of summer to parents of children under the age of 59 months who have not previously received a dose of Pneu-C-13 to advise them of their child's eligibility.

Tdap vaccine is now available free-of-charge to:

- All adults who are due for a Td booster and have not previously received an acellular Pertussis vaccine;
- OR,**
- Primary caregivers of newborn infants (e.g. parents, grandparents, etc.) who have not previously received an acellular Pertussis vaccine.

The revised versions of the Tdap and Pneu-C-13 Fact Sheets will be available on Manitoba Health's website: www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/vaccines.html.

Product monographs for the above vaccines are available at the following links:

http://www.pfizer.ca/en/our_products/products/monograph/232

<http://www.gsk.ca/english/docs-pdf/product-monographs/Boostrix.pdf>

For Manitoba Health eligibility criteria, please visit:

www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html

For Manitoba's Recommended Immunization Schedule, please visit:

www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/schedules.html

Immunization providers are encouraged to consult with the Manitoba Immunization Monitoring System (MIMS) and/or eChart to determine client eligibility.

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

Sincerely,

"Original signed by"

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