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Dear Health Care Provider:

NEW Manitoba Immunization Records and Immunization Reminder Letters

Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors sends reminder letters to parents of children who are overdue for immunizations at 15 months, 20 months, and 5 ½ years of age. Immunization records are also sent to all individuals at ages 7 and 18 years.

Panorama, the new Public Health Information System, is replacing the Manitoba Immunization Monitoring System (MIMS) as the Manitoba Immunization Registry. As a result, the format and content of the Manitoba immunization records will be changed in February 2016. Parents will receive a cover letter and their child’s immunization record. Attached is a sample copy of the new immunization record.

The immunization record contains two tables.

- The “Immunization History” table presents immunizations that have been administered and documented in the Manitoba Immunization Registry (either through processed billing claims or as directly entered by a Panorama user). See note about invalid doses below.

- The “Next Immunizations Due” table is based on the Panorama Forecaster, a decision support tool that validates recorded immunizations and recommends when future immunizations should be administered to a client. The Forecaster is based on Manitoba’s routine immunization schedule and will forecast the next dose in the vaccine series.

NOTE: The Forecaster does not consider eligibility criteria based on risk factors, or eligibility criteria for other non-routine vaccines. Therefore, clinicians should use clinical judgment to determine whether the vaccine indicated in the Forecaster should be administered and whether the client is eligible for additional vaccines or doses that are currently not forecasted.

Invalid Doses: Invalid doses are marked with an “X” beside the date of administration. Doses are invalid when the antigen may not be protective because the dose breaks an immunization rule. For example, when a minimum interval is not met, a minimum age is not met, when a client should not have received the product based on their age or previous doses, or an interaction rule is broken. Invalid doses are excluded by the Forecaster and may need to be repeated.

Please contact your local public health office if you have questions about the information in a client’s immunization record. If there are immunizations missing from the record, please use the

Thank you for sharing this information with all relevant colleagues in your facility or clinic.

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Note: Measles vaccine is marked with an “X”. It is considered invalid as it was administered prior to the child’s first birthday.