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Dear Health Care Provider:

Re: Vaccine Product & Inventory Updates

Vaccine Product Changes – effective early April 2012 changes will occur as follows:

1. **MMRV** – There will be a combined MMR and Varicella product, Priorix-Tetra®, to be used for the 12 month MMR and Varicella recommended vaccines.
 - Separate MMR and Varicella vaccines will continue to be available for other recommended doses as per the Manitoba Health Eligibility Criteria available at the following link: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html>
2. **Men-C-C** – There will be a transition from two (2) Meningococcal Conjugate C (Men-C-C) vaccine products to one. Neisvac-C™ will now be used for both Men-C-C doses (at 12 months and Grade 4).

Quadracel® (DTaP-IPV) – as there is currently a national supply shortage of Quadracel® please only order what is absolutely necessary. Once a product substitution is determined orders will automatically be substituted, a communication will be included with orders, and the order form will be updated.

Distribution Centre – Manitoba Health will be re-locating to a new distribution centre effective April 1, 2012. In order to complete the transition the current provincial vaccine warehouse will not be accepting any new immunizing agents and biologics orders after March 16, 2012. Please contact Manitoba Health if you have not yet registered with the new distribution centre.

If you have any further questions regarding these matters, please contact the Inventory Administrative Officer at (204) 788-6721 or Kristy.Boyko@gov.mb.ca.

Sincerely,

“Original signed by”

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