

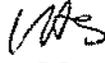
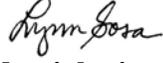


STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

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IN YOUR PRACTICE**

TO: All Users of State Supplied Vaccines

FROM: Vincent Sacco, MS  Immunization Program Manager
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DATE: September 23, 2009

SUBJECT: New *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) Vaccine Available for Booster Dose of Series

The primary purpose of this communication is to notify you of a newly licensed Hib vaccine: Hiberix, manufactured by Glaxo SmithKline.

Hiberix

On August 19, 2009, the Food and Drug Administration approved Hiberix, a new *Haemophilus Influenzae* type b (Hib) vaccine indicated for the booster dose of the Hib series in children 15 months-4 years of age. The vaccine comes packaged as a box of 10 lyophilized vials that must be reconstituted with corresponding pre-filled syringes of diluent. Hiberix must be administered within 24 hours of reconstitution. Upon administration health care providers should record the lot number for the vaccine-not for the diluent. The vaccine is thimerosal free and latex free and must be refrigerated at a temperature between 35-46 degrees Fahrenheit. Hiberix can be used to complete the Hib series regardless of what Hib product a child may have received for their primary series (ActHib, Pedvax Hib, and/or Pentacel). The CPT code for Hiberix is the existing 90648 code. The complete prescribing information for Hiberix can be found at:

www.hiberix.com/packaging-dosage-administration.html

Beginning October 1, 2009 you can begin to order Hiberix for the booster dose of the Hib series for children 15 months-4 years of age. You can also continue to place orders for the 2 other Hib containing products we supply: ActHib, and the combination vaccine Pentacel (DTaP/IPV/Hib). Our hope is that with our monthly allocation of Hiberix, ActHib, and Pentacel we will be able to fully meet your Hib needs ensuring that each child receives a complete series of Hib vaccine in a timely fashion.

Please find enclosed a revised Vaccine Order Form (VOF) with space to order Hiberix at the bottom as well as an updated Vaccine Eligibility Criteria form. Keep in mind that your Hiberix order in October may arrive in a separate shipment from your regular pediatric vaccine shipment.

As always, if you have any questions please call the State Immunization Program at (860) 509-7929.



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