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INLAND EMPIRE HEALTH PLAN



To: PCPs
From: IEHP - Provider Relations
Date: March 3, 2011
Subject: **New School Immunization Law Regarding Tdap Vaccine**

We would like to remind you of the recent new school immunization law (AB 354) regarding the Tdap vaccine. The new requirement affects all students – current, new, and transfers – in public and private schools. The law has two phases:

- For the 2011-2012 school year, all students entering into 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grades will need proof of a Tdap shot before starting school. This new requirement will begin July 1, 2011 and applies to all public and private schools.
- For 2012-2013 and future school years, all students entering into 7th grade will need proof of a Tdap.
- As a reminder, the immunizations required to enter Kindergarten:
 - ✓ Polio
 - ✓ DTaP
 - ✓ MMR
 - ✓ Hepatitis B
 - ✓ Varicella (Chickenpox)

IEHP recommends the following actions to be taken by the Providers:

- **A \$50.00 P4P incentive is still available for qualifying well child visits. Providers should instruct their office staff to leave time for a well child visit when scheduling patients for the immunizations.**
- **Order the Tdap vaccine from VFC for your IEHP Medi-Cal kids in advance. We anticipate increase in volume later due to this new school requirement.**
- Issue reminders to your patients who have not yet received Tdap.
- Remember Td does NOT meet the new requirement! Tdap can be given at any time after the last dose of Td.
- Immunize your patients who have not yet received Tdap yet to protect them against the ongoing risk of pertussis and also meet the new requirement.
- Immunize at every opportunity, including appointments for mild illness or injury.

IEHP is pleased to announce the availability of Tdap rosters in our Provider website. To access your rosters, please go to <http://www.iehp.org>, logon to the secure site login; click on P4P; click Preventive Care Reports then select **Tdap Rosters**.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact your IEHP Provider Relations Team at (909) 890-2054.