Date: August 31, 2006

CHDP Provider Information Notice No.: 06-09

TO: ALL CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP) PROGRAM PROVIDERS AND MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE PLANS

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) /CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) TELECONFERENCE SERIES

The purpose of this Provider Information Notice (PIN) is to inform you that a series of 10 teleconferences entitled, “Pediatric Influenza Immunization – Preventing Mortality and Morbidity”, begins August 31, 2006 at 4:00 PM Pacific Time and can be accessed from home or office. The targeted audience for these approximately one-hour each conferences with complimentary CME and CE units is pediatricians, family practitioners, pediatric nurse practitioners, and public health clinicians. These teleconferences address the burden of influenza and feature leading experts in influenza prevention discussing practical strategies for enabling more children to be immunized.

The attached brochure provides more information and refers you to www.contemporarypediatrics.com for registration and the complete series schedule and faculty.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure
PREVENTING MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY

PEDIATRIC INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION

A CME/CE TELECONFERENCE SERIES

Earn complimentary CME/CE credits from the comfort of your home or office. Hear leading experts in influenza prevention discuss practical strategies that you can put into action tomorrow. The program presentation will be approximately 45 minutes in length, followed by a live question-and-answer session.

Ten program sessions will be available.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE • SESSIONS 1-5

Thursday, August 31
7:00 PM ET (6:00 PM CT, 5:00 PM MT, 4:00 PM PT)

Wednesday, September 6
9:00 PM ET (8:00 PM CT, 7:00 PM MT, 6:00 PM PT)

Thursday, September 7
8:00 PM ET (7:00 PM CT, 6:00 PM MT, 5:00 PM PT)

Tuesday, September 12
6:00 PM ET (5:00 PM CT, 4:00 PM MT, 3:00 PM PT)

Thursday, September 14
7:00 PM ET (6:00 PM CT, 5:00 PM MT, 4:00 PM PT)

Additional dates for live programs can be found by visiting WWW.CONTEMPORARYPEDIATRICS.COM
TARGET AUDIENCE
The target audience for this CME/CE program is pediatricians, pediatric nurse practitioners, and public health clinicians.

STATEMENT OF NEED
The severe morbidity as well as the mortality from influenza epidemics affect all ages, particularly young children. Despite availability of an influenza vaccination, high rates of infection and transmission continue among children. Increasing healthcare workers’ understanding of the influenza vaccine may help alleviate these problems and related social burdens.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
Upon completion of this educational activity, participants should be able to:
- Discuss the burden of influenza and the healthcare worker’s role in its prevention through vaccination
- Differentiate among the available influenza vaccines to identify the best option for each child in the prevention of flu
- Educate patients and their parents on the importance of influenza vaccination, and address parents’ concerns over vaccine safety
- Describe CDC/ACIP recommendations and objectives for influenza vaccination

PHYSICIAN ACCREDITATION
This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of Medical Education Resources, Inc, and cme2. Medical Education Resources, Inc, is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

CME CREDIT DESIGNATION
Medical Education Resources, Inc, designates this educational activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

NURSING ACCREDITATION
Medical Education Resources, Inc, is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Colorado Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

CE CREDIT DESIGNATION
This CE activity provides 1.2 contact hours. Provider approval expires July 31, 2007. Provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider # MER-0704, for 1.2 contact hours.

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