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CHDP Provider Information Notice No.: 09-01

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

SUBJECT: REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR VIRTUAL TOWN HALL WEBCAST

This CHDP Provider Information Notice (PIN) No.: 09-01 is in follow-up to CHDP PIN 08-31, providing you with the information for registration for the California Department of Public Health’s Immunization Branch Virtual Town Hall Webcast, *Vaccines: Wading through the Confusion*, on February 19, 2009, from 10:00 -11:30 AM Pacific Standard Time.

If the February 19th timing is inconvenient, the program will be available until June 30, 2009, as a podcast and an archived webcast.

Please refer to the enclosed flyer for the details regarding registration.

Sincerely,

Luis R. Rico, Acting Chief
Children’s Medical Services Branch

Enclosures
Misinformation about the safety of childhood vaccines has become one of the top challenges in public health today. In response to the challenge, the California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch will air the virtual town hall webcast, Vaccines: Wading through the Confusion, February 19, 2009 from 10:00 - 11:30am, Pacific Standard Time.

The webcast will provide a frank discussion about parents’ questions and fears about vaccines, and will feature a panel of medical, scientific, public health, and communications professionals. The panel will also include parents whose lives have been touched by vaccine-preventable disease or by autism, as well as a parent seeking reliable information to help keep her children safe and healthy. Panel members will provide their own perspectives, drawing on science, medicine, ethics, and personal experience as they discuss hot-button vaccine topics.

The webcast launch will provide opportunities for viewer participation, including a live question-and-answer session, chat rooms, online polling, and a blog site. This event is open to health providers, health educators, immunization advocates and other public health professionals. For more information or to register for this free event, go to www.brochure2blog.org/publichealthcafe/home.aspx. Once you’re on the website, click on ‘Event Registration’ on the left-hand tool bar to register.