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CHDP PROGRAM LETTER No. 01- 04

TO ALL COUNTY CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP) PROGRAM DIRECTORS, MEDICAL CONSULTANTS, MEDICAL MANAGED CARE PLANS, STATE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS) BRANCH STAFF AND REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF

SUBJECT: CHDP PROVIDER INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 01- 04 REGARDING ADDITION OF PNEUMOCOCCAL CONJUGATE VACCINE (PCV 7/ PREVNAR) AS A CHDP BENEFIT AND UPDATED CHDP VACCINE BENEFIT AND REIMBURSEMENT TABLE

Enclosed is CHDP Provider Information Notice No. 01-04, which informs providers that the heptavalent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV 7, brand name Prevnar) has been added as a CHDP benefit. Background information on the vaccine, billing and reimbursement information and a CHDP vaccine benefit and reimbursement table (effective September 1, 2001), that has been updated with addition of the PCV 7 vaccine, are provided.

Please note that the age range for purchased varicella vaccine (CHDP Code 52) has also been changed in the table to keep CHDP benefits in line with vaccine availability through the Vaccines for Children Program.

Please distribute this Provider Information Notice without any revisions to providers in your county and complete and return the enclosed "Report of Distribution".

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Nursing Consultant.

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Enclosures