Date:  August 29, 2006

CHDP Program Letter No.: 06-10

TO:  ALL CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP) PROGRAM DIRECTORS, DEPUTY DIRECTORS, STATE CHILDREN’S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS) BRANCH STAFF AND REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF

SUBJECT:  SECOND VARICELLA VACCINE FOR CHILDREN TWELVE MONTHS THROUGH TWELVE YEARS OF AGE

Enclosed is CHDP Provider Information Notice (PIN) No.: 06-10 informing CHDP Providers that the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program are recommending a second dose of varicella vaccine for children 12 months through 12 years of age.  A VFC Provider Letter with additional information is also provided. Effective June 29, 2006, CHDP will reimburse providers for the administration fee for 2 doses of varicella vaccine for children 12 months through 12 years of age.

Please distribute this Provider Information Notice and VFC Provider Letter without any revisions to providers in your county and complete and return a “Report of Distribution” (DHS 4504). The DHS 4504 can be found at www.dhs.ca.gov/chdp.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosure