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CHDP Provider Information Notice No.: 06-04

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

SUBJECT: ADDITION OF MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA, AND VARICELLA
(MMRV) VACCINE AS A CHDP BENEFIT, REPORTING CODES,
REIMBURSEMENT FOR VACCINE ADMINISTRATION, AND UPDATED
CHDP VACCINE BENEFIT AND REIMBURSEMENT TABLE

The purpose of this Provider Information Notice (PIN) is to inform you that the combination vaccine, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (MMRV), has been added as a CHDP program benefit.

This Information Notice provides the new CHDP administration code and billing and reimbursement information. An updated CHDP vaccine benefit and reimbursement table is enclosed that includes the addition of this new vaccine. A Vaccines for Children (VFC) Provider Letter is enclosed that contains information on the vaccine.

MMRV is a combined attenuated live virus vaccine containing measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella viruses. MMRV is indicated for children age 12 months to 12 years. MMRV can be given instead of the first dose of MMR and varicella vaccines. MMRV should not be administered for the second dose of MMR except when a dose of varicella vaccine is also indicated or if no MMR is available at the time the second dose of MMR is indicated.

MMRV as a CHDP Program Benefit

Effective March 1, 2006, CHDP will reimburse providers for the administration fee of MMRV vaccine to CHDP eligible children, 12 months through 18 years 11 months; the vaccine will be provided at no charge by the VFC Program for these children. The CHDP vaccine code is 74 and has the reimbursement rate of \$9.00 for the administration fee. MMRV is not available for purchase.

Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (MMRV) Vaccine	74	VFC	12 months thru 18 years 11 months	\$9.00
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Code 74 is payable for two doses. The interval between doses, if for any reason a second dose is given, should be **at least three months**. **Note: The Medi-Cal Provider Bulletin (April) indicating an interval of 28 days was incorrect.** MMRV has been added to the Vaccine Codes and Rates Table found in the rates max CHDP section of the CHDP Provider Manual. **Please note: The Table in the Manual contains an incorrect footnote for MMRV. MMRV is not recommended for infants less than one year of age in an outbreak or for international travel. Only Measles Vaccine or MMR is recommended for infants less than one year of age for these extenuating circumstances. The Table will be corrected. The enclosed Vaccine Codes and Rates Table with this Notice is correct.**

Reminder:

All CHDP program providers actively involved with immunized children must participate in the VFC Program, which provides vaccines at no cost to the provider for eligible children up to eighteen years eleven months. The CHDP Program reimburses only the immunization administration fee for VFC covered vaccines.

Billing Instructions for MMRV

Please use the following instructions for billing for MMRV. Refer to the CHDP Provider Manual for additional information.

- Enter the CHDP Code number, 74, and MMRV on a blank line, under the immunization section of the PM 160 Confidential Screening/Billing Report.
- Enter a check mark in only one of the Immunization Outcome Columns (A or B) of the PM 160, as appropriate.
- Enter the administration fee in the Fees Column (Note: fees do not apply on the "Information Only" PM 160).

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- If you have administered MMRV on or after March 1, 2006, and prior to this notice, you are entitled to reimbursement for the administration of this vaccine. Please submit a PM 160 for the \$9.00 administration fee if you have not been previously reimbursed for the vaccine by any source.

CHDP Vaccine Benefits and Reimbursement Table

An updated CHDP Vaccine Benefit and Reimbursement Table is enclosed; it is dated May 1, 2006. The table includes the MMRV code and reimbursement rate.

Your continuing participation in the CHDP Program is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about CHDP vaccine benefits or other CHDP issues, please contact your local CHDP program office.

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TO: California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Providers

FROM: Howard Backer, M.D., M.P.H., Chief,
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SUBJECT: Combined Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (MMRV) Vaccine

MMRV One-Page Highlights:

In September 2005, the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) licensed a live, attenuated measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella (MMRV) vaccine [*Proquad*®, Merck & Co., Inc., Whitehouse Station, New Jersey]. MMRV has the potential of reducing the number of injections needed for routine childhood vaccination.

- Who should get MMRV?
 - Children aged 12 months to 12 years who need a first dose of measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), and varicella vaccine.
 - Children aged 12 months to 12 years who need a second dose of MMR and either a first or second dose (as indicated) of varicella vaccine.
- The vaccine reactions and immunity from MMRV are comparable to those from varicella and MMR vaccines given separately.
- MMRV is administered subcutaneously.
- **Reconstituted MMRV must be discarded if not used within 30 minutes. We now recommend storage of all live vaccines (MMR, MMRV, and varicella) in the freezer at 5° F or below to prevent damaging varicella and MMRV through inadvertent refrigeration.**

Additional Information is available on the web about:

- MMRV: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/wk/mm5447.pdf>
- MMRV product insert: <http://www.fda.gov/cber/label/mmrvmr090605LB.pdf>
- Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations on measles, mumps, and rubella: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr4708.pdf>.
- ACIP varicella recommendations: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr4511.pdf>
- 2006 Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Schedule:
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/wk/mm5451.pdf>

Additional details about MMRV:

Potential Vaccine Reactions

Potential reactions to MMRV have been studied in children between 12-23 months of age. 4,497 children were given MMRV vaccine, and 2,038 were given varicella and MMR vaccines separately. Local and systemic reactions were comparable except for the following:

Vaccine received	MMRV	MMR + Varicella
Potential reaction		
Fever of $\geq 102^{\circ}\text{F}$	21.5%	14.9%
Measles-like rash	3.0%	2.1%
Rash at Injection-site	2.3%	1.5%

More information is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/wk/mm5447.pdf>.

Contraindications and Precautions to MMRV

Contraindications:	Precautions:
Pregnancy	Tuberculosis treatment
Moderate or Severe Acute Illness	Egg allergies
Neomycin allergy	Gelatin allergies
Severely immunocompromised	Thrombocytopenia
	Leukemia (in remission)

More information is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr4708.pdf> and <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr4511.pdf>.

Storage and Handling

The vaccine is supplied as a package of 10 single-dose vials of lyophilized vaccine and a separate package of 10 vials of sterile water diluent. It should be reconstituted with the packaged diluent. Before reconstitution, the vaccine must be stored frozen at an average temperature of $<5^{\circ}\text{F}$ ($<-15^{\circ}\text{C}$). Diluent is stored separately at room temperature ($68-77^{\circ}\text{F}$, $20-25^{\circ}\text{C}$) or refrigerated ($36-46^{\circ}\text{F}$, $2-8^{\circ}\text{C}$).

Reconstituted MMRV must be discarded if not used within 30 minutes.

Note difference from varicella vaccine which can be stored in the refrigerator for up to 72 hours and MMR, which can be refrigerated for up to 8 hours after reconstitution. Please note this important difference. We recommend storage of all live vaccines (MMR, MMRV, and varicella) in the freezer at 5°F or below (to prevent damaging varicella and MMRV through inadvertent refrigeration).

Ordering Information

VFC providers may order MMRV using the attached order form. Please be sure to take into account your current inventory of MMR and varicella when placing your initial order. Maintain a copy of your order form for your files. Please be aware that your orders of MMRV may be adjusted, especially in this introductory phase.

Billing Information

CHDP: Claims may be submitted for doses of MMRV administered on or after March 1, 2006. The CHDP administration fee is \$9.00 using CHDP code **74**. However, providers should wait until notified by CHDP to submit claims. CHDP Provider Notices can be found at <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/pcfh/cms/chdp/publications.htm>.

Medi-Cal: MMRV is a covered benefit for the VFC program. A CPT code for MMRV for use in individuals, beginning at 12 months through 18 years of age will be issued. For an interim period, this drug will be billed with CPT-4 code **90749 (unlisted vaccine/toxoid) and modifier -SL (VFC-supplied vaccine)** retroactive to dates of service on or after March 1, 2006. Once the new CPT code is determined, Medi-Cal Providers will be notified through Medi-Cal's **General Medicine (GM) Bulletins**. These bulletins can be found at http://files.medical.ca.gov/pubsdoco/Pubsframe.asp?hURL=/pubsdoco/all_bulletins.asp&Type=gm.

For additional information, contact your local VFC Representative or the VFC customer service line at (877) 243-8832.

Enclosure: Vaccine Order Form

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**CHDP Vaccine Codes and Rates
May 1, 2006**

Vaccine	Code	Vaccine Source	Age	Rate ¹	Comment Required
DTaP	45	Vaccines For Children (VFC)	2 months thru 6 years, 11 months	\$ 9.00	
DT Pediatric	59	Purchased	2 months thru 6 years, 11 months	\$ 10.93	
Td Adult (DECAVAC™)	58	VFC	7 years thru 18 years 11 months	\$9.00	
Td Adult	60	Purchased	7 years thru 20 years, 11 months	\$ 13.96	
Tdap	72	VFC	10 years thru 18 years 11 months	\$9.00	
Hepatitis A	65	VFC (Pediatric)	1year thru 18 years, 11 months	\$ 9.00	
	66	Purchased (Adult)	19 years thru 20 years, 11 months	\$ 65.48	
HBIG ²	41 + 57	Purchased	Birth thru 20 years, 11 months	\$ 168.12	Reason for administration
Hepatitis B/Hib Combination	56	VFC	2 months thru 4 years, 11 months	\$ 9.00	
Hepatitis B Lower Dose (Pediatric/Adolescent)	40	VFC	Birth thru 18 years, 11 months	\$ 9.00	
Hepatitis B Higher Dose (Adult)	42	VFC	11 years thru 15 years, 11 months ³	\$ 9.00	(Use this code for two dose adolescent schedule)
Hepatitis B	51	Purchased	19 years thru 20 years, 11 months	\$ 38.17	
Hib	38	VFC	2 months thru 18 years, 11 months	\$ 9.00	High risk factor, if older than 5 years
	63	Purchased	19 years thru 20 years, 11 months	\$ 16.82	High risk factor
Influenza	53	VFC	6 months thru 18 years, 11 months	\$ 9.00	High risk factor
	54	Purchased	6 months thru 20 years, 11 months	\$ 13.76	High risk factor
FluMist	71	VFC	5 years thru 18 years, 11 months	\$9.00	Presence of household member(s) with high risk factor

1. Total reimbursement, includes administration fee.
2. Only for infants with HBsAg (+) mothers and for children exposed to known/suspected HBsAg (+) blood/tissue fluids.
3. Adolescent two dose immunization schedule, currently approved for ages 11 years thru 15 years, 11 months.

CHDP Vaccine Codes and Rates

Vaccine	Code	Vaccine Source	Age	Rate ¹	Comment Required
MMR	33	VFC	12 months thru 18 years, 11 months	\$ 9.00	
	48	Purchased	19 years thru 20 years, 11 months	\$ 38.27	
MMRV	74	VFC	12 months thru 18 years, 11 months	\$ 9.00	
Measles ⁴	34	Purchased	12 months thru 20 years, 11 months ⁵	\$ 21.29	Reason for administration
Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4)	69	VFC	11 years thru 18 years 11 months	\$9.00	
	70 + 73	Purchased	19 years thru 20 years 11 months	\$101.84	
Pediarix TM	68	VFC	2 months thru 6 years, 11 months	\$ 9.00	
Polio – Inactivated	39	VFC	2 months thru 18 years, 11 months	\$ 9.00	
	64	Purchased	19 years thru 20 years, 11 months	\$ 29.84	High risk factor
Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (23PS)	55	Purchased	2 years thru 20 years, 11 months	\$ 20.74	High risk factor
Pneumococcal, heptavalent (Prennar)	67	VFC	1 month thru 4 years, 11 months	\$ 9.00	
Rubella ⁶	36	Purchased	12 months thru 20 years, 11 months	\$ 24.50	Reason for administration
Varicella	46	VFC	12 months thru 18 years, 11 months	\$ 9.00	
	52	Purchased	19 years thru 20 years, 11 months ⁷	\$ 48.94	Includes those born before 1/1/83, not VFC high risk

1. Total reimbursement, includes administration fee.
4. For individuals with a contraindication to rubella or mumps vaccine.
5. Measles vaccine (or, if not available, MMR) is recommended in children as young as 6 months, in outbreak situations or for international travel.
6. For individuals with a contraindication to measles or mumps vaccine.
7. Youth with date of birth before 1/1/83 must be in close contact with persons at high risk of complications from varicella.