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MEMORANDUM

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To: Wyoming Immunization Providers and Partners

From: Angie Van Houten, MS, Community Health Section Chief

Subject: Changes to Wyoming Vaccinates Important People (WyVIP) Program

Ref.: CHS-2020-117

Priority: HIGH

Purpose: In response to Wyoming's revenue shortfalls and the subsequent request from Governor Gordon to reduce state general fund expenditures by 10%, the Department was faced with many difficult decisions. One of those decisions was to make significant changes to the Wyoming Vaccinates Important People (WyVIP) Program. As you know, the WyVIP Program currently provides vaccines to enrolled providers to administer to insured Wyoming children.

Beginning January 1, 2021, participation in the WyVIP Program will be limited to Public Health Nursing Offices, Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). A current list of the designated RHCs and FQHCs in Wyoming can be found on the Wyoming Healthcare Facility Directory page. The population traditionally served by the WyVIP Program will continue to have resources available through private insurance agreements and Wyoming healthcare providers to ensure they are fully vaccinated.

We understand the financial impact this will have on providers who will no longer qualify for participation in the WyVIP Program and we are, therefore, providing as much notice as possible. Providers who continue to participate in the federal Vaccines For Children (VFC) Program will still be required to carry and administer all ACIP recommended vaccines for the population that is served; this includes non-VFC eligible patients. In order to continue to meet this requirement, it will be essential for VFC providers to begin making arrangements to privately purchase all



ACIP recommended vaccines for their patient population not eligible to receive vaccines through the VFC Program. This will ensure that vaccines continue to be accessible in Wyoming.

Please submit any questions regarding this change using the WyVIP Program Changes-Questions/Comments form. We will respond to questions and develop a list of frequently asked questions that will be updated as new questions are received.

The decision to make these changes to the WyVIP program was hard. We understand the impact of this reduction but we are hopeful that we can continue working together to ensure children are vaccinated either through the VFC program or through private insurance. Thank you for all you do for the patients you serve.