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ATTN: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices
Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators
Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

**Re: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual,
Chapter 2 - Immunization Program, Section IIA-Immunization Schedules & Section III-
Immunization of Special Populations**

Section IIA-Immunization Schedules

3.1 Minimum Intervals Between Vaccine Doses Table

The minimum age of 24 weeks for the 3rd dose of hepatitis B vaccine has been added to the table.

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Section III-Immunization of Special Populations

1.5.3.1 Immunization of pediatric (those under 18 years of age) oncology clients who have completed treatment, including autologous HSCT

The following content from page 18b that was indicated on the administrative circular (2017:01) distributed on January 24, 2017 was unfortunately not updated in the online manual or within the pages that were distributed. As such, this page has now been updated with the revised content:

“Children receiving these vaccines post-treatment who are eligible for an age-scheduled dose of that antigen within a year should be vaccinated when they present and will not require the age-scheduled dose. The exception to this is if the post-treatment dose was given prior to the minimum age (e.g., school entry booster dose of DTaP-IPV administered prior to 4 years of age).”

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1.5.5.2 Infants Born To Mothers On Immunosuppressive Medication

Content added indicating that monoclonal antibodies administered to breastfeeding mothers are thought to have very little or no impact on the infant. Such infants can be immunized with both live and inactivated vaccines according to routine schedules.

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Please add new page number: 22a dated February 2017**

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