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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: Control of Scabies

Please note the updated guidelines for the control of scabies.

Please delete and destroy the following pages from the Communicable Disease Control Manual – Chapter III Infection Control:

Scabies
  Pages 1 – 5
  Suspected/Confirmed Scabies Case Worksheet
  Case Contacts to Scabies Form Dated April 1990

Insert the following replacement pages:

Scabies
  Pages 1 – 13 Dated November 2004

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