October 29, 2009

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

Re: Revision to Communicable Disease Control Manual:
Chapter 2: Immunization Program, Section VII – Biological Products

Please note the following revisions:

Table of Contents
- Added links to pH1N1 influenza vaccines, pages 30a and 30c.

Pages 30 a & b, pH1N1 Influenza Vaccine (Inactivated Split-Virion)
(Adjuvanted) (Arepanrix™) {A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)v-like virus}:
- Added “inactivated split-virion” to the title of the page.

Page 30b, pH1N1 Influenza Vaccine (Inactivated Split-Virion) (Adjuvanted)
(Arepanrix™) {A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)v-like virus}:
- Added the following to the list of vaccine components: traces of egg protein,
  formaldehyde, sodium deoxycholate and sucrose.
- Revised wording in the “Special Considerations” section:
  - Replaced “need” with “the recommendation.”
  - Revised the time interval for deferral of the example of MMR vaccine.
- The wording is now as follows:
  - “May be given with other vaccines. Because of the recommendation to
give Arepanrix™ in a separate limb, routine childhood immunization
(e.g., MMR at 12 months) may be deferred by the appropriate interval
(e.g., 4 weeks if varicella given and MMR deferred).”
- The recommendation to administer Arepanrix™ on its own in a separate limb
  is due to its reactogenicity. The recommendation is not based on any
  concerns about immunogenicity of concurrently administered vaccines.
Page 30c, pH1N1 Influenza vaccine (H1N1) Monovalent Vaccine (Unadjuvanted):
- New page for the unadjuvanted pH1N1 vaccine.

Please remove and destroy the following pages from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2: Immunization Program, Section VII – Biological Products:

Table of Contents Dated January 2009
Pages 30a and b Dated October 2009

Please insert the following pages into the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2: Immunization Program, Section VII – Biological Products:

Table of Contents Dated October 29, 2009
Pages 30a, 30b, and 30c Dated October 29, 2009

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