Date: May 4, 2010

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

Re: Revisions to the Communicable Disease Control Manual – Chapter 2, Immunization Program

Please note the following corrections to the Administrative Circular 2010:05 for the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program:

(1) SECTION IIA: IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULES

Page 6, 1.4 “Schedule C: Children 7 Years To 17 Years (Inclusive) When Starting Immunization:”
• Header revised to read Section IIA

Page 17, 4.5 “TUBERCULIN TESTING:”
• Header revised to read Section IIA

(3) SECTION III- IMMUNIZATION OF SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Page 8, “High doses of oral corticosteroid therapy of more than 14 days duration:”
• The dosage for systemic steroids has been corrected to read “≥ 2 mg/kg per day or ≥ 20 mg daily”
(4) SECTION VII – BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS

Page 65, “Tetanus-Diphtheria-acellular Pertussis Vaccine (TdaP) (ADACEL®):”
- Footnote 4 corrected to read “tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis – containing vaccines,” rather than “tetanus and diphtheria/pertussis – containing vaccines.”

Page 81, “Varicella Zoster Vaccine (live attenuated viral) (ZOSTAVAX™):”
- Precaution 3: Do TB skin testing on the same day as VZV immunization, or delay skin testing for ≥ 4 weeks (previously 6 weeks.)

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

Section II A
Pages 6 & 17  Dated April 2010
(Prior to AC 2010:05, page 6 dated January 2010; page 17 dated January 2009)

Section III
Page 8  Dated April 2010
(Prior to AC 2010:05, page 8 dated July 2009)

Section VII
Pages 65 & 81  Dated April 2010
(Prior to AC 2010:05, pages 65 and 81 dated January 2010)

Please insert the following pages in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program:

Section II A
Pages 6 & 17  Dated May 2010

Section III
Page 8  Dated May 2010

Section VII
Pages 65 & 81  Dated May 2010
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