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.

Please remove page number: 12 dated August 2016
Please add new page number: 12 dated February 2017

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).”

Please remove page number: 18b dated January 2017
Please add new page number: 18b dated February 2017
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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