

Date: Apr 25, 2018

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

**Re: Revisions to Communicable Disease Control Manual:
Chapter 1 – Management of Specific Diseases, Rabies**

A few updates were made throughout Chapter 1– Management of Specific Diseases, Rabies to capture programmatic with respect to returning travelers. Changes of note are highlighted here:

Pages 16-17, Section 4.2.1

This section was revised to assist in determining if biologicals administered overseas should be considered valid.

Page 17, footnotes

Advice regarding how to request and how to interpret rabies antibody titers was added.

Page 18, section 4.3

New advice from the WHO was included on how to manage rabies exposures in individuals who recently received rabies biologicals.

Pages 20-12, section 4.5

Text was amended to allow a case-by-case assessment of any rabies biological product given in a other countries. New advice from the WHO was provided on the recommended ID RPEP schedule.

**Please remove and destroy the following from the Communicable Disease Control Manual,
Chapter 1 – Management of Specific Diseases, Rabies**

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Pages 1 to 34

Dated Nov 2017

**Please insert the following in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1- Management
of Specific Diseases, Rabies**

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Pages 1 to 35

Dated April 2018

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Sincerely,



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