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The New Hampshire Immunization Program has two updates to share:

- 1) Merck has notified the New Hampshire Immunization Program (NHIP) of the following updates regarding Varivax and ProQuad vaccines:
 - Merck expects to ship all remaining backorders of Varivax (varicella vaccine) in December 2007. Merck hopes to return to a normal shipping schedule once all of the backorders are shipped. The NHIP anticipates normal shipping schedules to resume sometime in January 2008.
 - ProQuad (MMRV) will not be available for shipment in 2008. The NHIP will update our providers when new shipping information is available.
- 2) The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has published new recommendations for the use of quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) in children aged 2-10 years. These recommendations are specific to children aged 2-10 years that are at **increased risk** for invasive meningococcal disease. These children include:
 - Children that travel to or who are residents of countries in which meningococcal disease is hyperendemic or epidemic;
 - Children who have terminal complement component deficiencies; and
 - Children who have anatomic or functional asplenia.

NHIP does not provide MCV4 for healthy 2 – 10 years old. Recommendations for use of MCV4 in children aged 11-18 years remain unchanged. The ACIP revised recommendations are included in this fax blast.

A copy of the Merck letter and the revised Menactra recommendations is available on the NHIP website at:

<http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/DHHS/IMMUNIZATION/default.htm>

Please direct questions to the NHIP at: 271.4482. Thank you.