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**TO:** Medical Personnel, Office Manager, Vaccine Manager

**FROM:** Marcella Bobinsky  
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**SUBJECT:** The administration of ProQuad (MMRV)

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends the use of combination vaccines whenever possible to reduce the number of injections a child receives at any one time. The combination vaccine, ProQuad, manufactured by Merck, protects against measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella (MMRV). ProQuad is licensed for children 12 months through 12 years of age. Information about the vaccine MMRV can be viewed via the following links: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/combo-vaccines/mmrv/vacopt-factsheet-hcp.pdf> and <http://www.cdc.gov/print.do?url=http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/combo-vaccines/mmrv/vacopt-faqs-hcp.htm> and <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr5903.pdf>

Parents need to be given the vaccine information statement (VIS) for MMRV prior to administration. Download the VIS by this link: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/downloads/vis-mmrv.pdf>

Due to vaccine availability and supply, the New Hampshire Immunization Program will provide ProQuad (MMRV) vaccine for all New Hampshire children needing a second dose in age groups 4 to 6 years. The administration of MMRV should be documented separately on the child's immunization record under the MMR and varicella sections.

ProQuad<sup>®</sup> (MMRV Virus Vaccine Live) must be stored frozen between -58°F and +5°F (-50°C to -15°C) and protected from light. Use of dry ice may subject ProQuad to temperatures colder than -58°F (-50°C). The New Hampshire Immunization Program began processing orders for ProQuad on October 1, 2010. ProQuad will be shipped to your office directly from Merck and should be placed in the freezer immediately upon arrival.

An updated vaccine usage report form to document the second dose administration to 4 to 6 year olds is attached for your convenience. If you have any questions about ProQuad (MMRV), please contact the Immunization Program at 1-800-852-3345 X4482 or 271-4482 and ask to speak to a public health nurse.

Sincerely,

*Marcella J. Bobinsky*  
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Program Manager



Ages by Years→	< 1	1	2	3-5	6	7-10	11-12	13-18	19-24
Vaccine/Dose ↓ ↓									
MMR 1									
MMR 2									
MMR-V <b>PROQUAD</b>						<b>MMR &amp; VAR-2nd Dose Only</b>			
Pneumococcal Pneumo 23									
Pneumococcal 1 Prevnar									
Pneumococcal 2 Prevnar									
Pneumococcal 3 Prevnar									
Pneumococcal 4 Prevnar									
Prevnar 13 well child <b>booster</b>									
Rotavirus 1 Rotarix									
Rotavirus 2 Rotarix									
Rotavirus 1 RotaTeq									
Rotavirus 2 RotaTeq									
Rotavirus 3 RotaTeq									
Td 1									
Td 2									
Td 3									
Tdap 1 Boostrix / Adacel									
VAR 1									
VAR 2									