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MEMORANDUM

TO: VFC Providers and Local Health Departments

FROM: Carrie Blanchard, PharmD

Immunization Branch Director

SUBJECT: TdVax[™] Vaccine Production Discontinued

This memo is to inform Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers that MassBiologics TdVax ™ is being discontinued. Please take time to carefully review this memo in full.

MassBiologics TdVax[™] is being discontinued. Sanofi, manufacturer of Tenivac®, is taking steps to augment their available supply of Td for the US. The NC Immunization Branch has ordering controls in place until the supply has increased.

Guidance for Vaccination Providers:

- The limited supply of Td vaccine must be reserved for those with a contraindication to receiving pertussis-containing vaccines, including children under the age of 7 (in place of DTaP as DT is no longer available).
- Providers should transition to use of Tdap vaccine in lieu of Td vaccine whenever possible while Td vaccine supplies are constrained.
- Tdap vaccine is an acceptable alternative to Td vaccine, including when a tetanus booster is indicated for wound management.
- If a person has a very rare, <u>specific contraindication to pertussis-containing vaccine</u>,
 Tdap would not be an acceptable alternative.
- This guidance will remain in place until the period of temporary ordering controls for Td vaccine ends.
- Diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis (DTaP) and Tdap vaccines are available without supply constraints currently.
- Read the Updated ACIP Recommendations.

For assistance with ordering, please contact the NCIR Help Desk by phone: 1-877-USE-NCIR (873-6247) or by email: ncirclep@dhhs.nc.gov.