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TO: Healthcare Providers
FROM: County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency
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Tdap DOCUMENTATION - NEW SCHOOL LAW REQUIREMENT

Under a new law, AB 354, all California middle and high school students entering or advancing into 7th through 12th grades will need proof of a Tdap booster shot before starting the 2011-2012 school year.

It is important to provide clear and accurate documentation about Tdap immunization for your patients and their schools. Vaccines have similar names and abbreviations (e.g., Tdap, Td, DTaP, and DT) which can be confusing to school staff who will be keeping records for the new law.

Enclosed is a flyer that demonstrates the correct way to document the Tdap dose on the Immunization Record. Please note that some of the older versions of the yellow card do not have Tdap as an option, so Tdap must be written in. It is also acceptable to enter the brand name of the product administered (Boostrix® or Adacel®).

Thank you for your continuing efforts to ensure that your adolescent patients are protected against the ongoing threat of pertussis and are ready for school entry this school year. For additional information on the new Tdap school requirement, please visit www.ShotsForSchool.org or call the Immunization Program at 866-358-2966.

Sincerely,

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Important Tdap Documentation Requirement!

This is for the Medical Assistant staff who fills out the California Immunization Record (Yellow Card).

One documented dose of a pertussis-containing vaccine after age 7 is **REQUIRED** for all students entering 7th through 12th grade this school year.

THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE Td! Must be Tdap!

dose in all appropriate spaces.

DTaP		<input type="checkbox"/> DTaP/DTP		
DTP	3	<input type="checkbox"/> DT/Td		
Td				
DT				
	4	<input type="checkbox"/> DTaP/DTP		
		<input type="checkbox"/> DT/Td		
	5	<input type="checkbox"/> DTaP/DTP		
		<input type="checkbox"/> DT/Td		
	5/2/09	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Td	Discovery Health	

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	5/2/09	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tdap	Discovery Health—Adacel	

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using combination vacci

DIPHTHERIA	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Tdap		
TETANUS		<input type="checkbox"/> DT/Td		
PERTUSSIS	4	<input type="checkbox"/> DTaP		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Tdap		
	5	<input type="checkbox"/> DT/Td		
		<input type="checkbox"/> DTaP		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Tdap		
		<input type="checkbox"/> DT/Td		
	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tdap	Discovery Health	
	5/2/09	<input type="checkbox"/> Td		

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Without proper documentation a student will not be able to attend school this fall!

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