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Dear California Healthcare Providers and California Licensed Childcare Providers:

The nationwide shortage of the *Haemophilus influenzae* type b vaccine has been resolved. As a result, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Immunization Branch is discontinuing the “2010 Special Immunization Schedule for Child Care”. The CDPH has issued an immunization schedule that will return the Immunization Requirements for Child Care as published in CCR, Title 17 § 6025.

1) CHILD CARE REQUIREMENTS

As supplies of *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) vaccine are again adequate, **one dose of Hib vaccine will once again be required for all children ages 15 months to four years and six months to enter licensed child care and related early childhood programs on or after September 1, 2011** (17 CCR § 6025). Child care providers do not have to recheck children admitted before September 1, 2011 under the now discontinued California Department of Public Health “2010 Special Immunization Schedule for Child Care”. Facility operators are encouraged to contact their local health department if they have questions about the change.

2) RECOMMENDATIONS

Per national [ACIP/AAP/AAFP vaccine recommendations](#), children are recommended to receive Hib vaccine at 2, 4, (6,) and 12-15 months of age, with a dose at 6 months indicated when using Hib vaccines conjugated to tetanus toxoid [*ActHIB* or *Pentacel*, sanofi pasteur SA) but not when using Hib vaccine conjugated to meningococcal protein [*PedvaxHIB*, Merck & Co, Inc.].

Children who did not receive a Hib booster dose during the prior shortage are recommended to receive their catch-up dose up to their fifth birthday.

Thank you for your efforts to keep California’s children immunized. For more information, please visit www.ShotsForSchool.org.

Sincerely,

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Encl: California Immunization Requirements for Child Care

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