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To: Maine Immunization Providers

From: Maine Immunization Program

Subject: Continuing Education Requirement

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The Maine Immunization Program (MIP) is requiring that all Vaccines for Children (VFC) enrolled providers complete a Storage and Handling training during 2016. The primary and secondary vaccine managers are required to complete this; however the MIP strongly encourages all staff involved with vaccine storage and handling to participate as well.

In order to fulfill this requirement, a provider must do **ONE** of the following:

Complete the Storage and Handling - You Call the Shots online module at:

<http://www2a.cdc.gov/nip/isd/ycts/mod1/courses/sh/ce.asp>.

Attend a VFC regional training presented by the Maine Immunization Program. These will be offered in four different locations during 2016.

Attend a training from Maine Health (only for providers affiliated with Maine Health).

Providers who receive any of the following types of site visit from an MIP staff will also fulfill this requirement:

- VFC Compliance Site visit
- VFC Enrollment Storage and Handling visit

(For more detailed information on these types of site visits, please refer to:

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/immunization/providers/communications/2013/April-Immune-Newsletter.pdf>)

Please be aware that this educational training will be **required on an annual basis and when new employees are hired**. A provider site must notify MIP within 7 days if your facility has a change in a vaccine manager position. MIP **will not supply** vaccine to new facilities unless both the primary and secondary vaccine managers have completed a Storage and Handling training.

If you have any questions, please contact Celeste Poulin at 207-287-4466 or email Celeste.Poulin@maine.gov.

Thank you for your work to keep the citizens of Maine free from vaccine-preventable diseases.