

**Date: July 3, 2013**

**ATTN:** Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices  
Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators  
Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

**RE:** Revisions to the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter II Immunization Program, Section VII, Biological Products, Human Papillomavirus vaccine CERVARIX® [Bivalent (Types 16 and 18) Recombinant] Supplier: GlaxoSmithKline

The CERVARIX® catch-up program offered since April 2012 to women born in 1991-1993 will be expanded starting July 2013 to include women  $\leq 26$  years of age at the time of series commencement. This remains a one-time program until the supply of CERVARIX® vaccine purchased in early 2012 is depleted. The majority of the product for this program has an expiry date of August 2015.

The following changes have been made:

1. Eligibility for the publicly funded program has been expanded to women  $\leq 26$  years of age at the time of series commencement and born before 1994.
2. Much of the information previously contained in footnotes has been moved into the associated sections.
3. Previously footnoted information on issues that apply to all vaccines (e.g., no need to restart a series if interval between doses is longer than in the recommended series; coadministration with other indicated vaccines at the same visit but using a separate needle and syringe) has been removed, as this is contained in other sections of the manual).
4. The page format has been updated.

**Please remove and destroy the following pages** from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter II Immunization Program:

Section VII, Biological Products, 25a and 25b

Dated April, 2012

**Please insert the following pages** in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter II Immunization Program:

Section VII, Biological Products, 25a and 25b

Dated July, 2013

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