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

**Re: Update to Section VI- Management of Biologicals**

**Please remove and destroy Section VI- Management of Biologicals dated by November 2011 from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2 – Immunization Program**

**Please replace with Section VI- Management of Biologicals dated September 2013.**

The following changes have been made to the section:

**Page 4:**

**Deleted:** Develop a plan to have all refrigerators storing more than \$50,000 in BCCDC-supplied biological products connected to a backup power supply, which comes on automatically in the event of a power outage, by **March 31, 2012**. Plan to have refrigerators storing more than \$10,000 of biologicals connected to a backup power supply by **March 31, 2013**.

**Replaced with:**

It is best practice to have all refrigerators storing vaccines connected to a backup power supply, which comes on automatically in the event of a power outage. As of March 31, 2013, all refrigerators storing more than \$10,000 of BCCDC-supplied biological products should be connected to a back up power supply.

**Page 7:**

**Deleted:** Section 3.3.4 Temperature Indicator Cards, as these are no longer used.

**Page 8-9:**

**Revised:** Section 4.1 Vaccine Delivery to Health Units- TempTale4 USB instructions

These have been revised based on the new TempTale4 USB that is being used.

**Page 14:**

**Added:** Instructions for “Packing single dose vaccines for clinic use”  
New section added to meet request of Vaccine Inventory Management group.

**Note:** Due to the fact that Flumist is being provided in packages of 10 this season, health authorities may apply these guidelines to provide less than 10 doses to providers not expected to immunize large numbers of children.

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