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Dear Vaccines for Children (VFC) Participants:

Exciting changes are happening to the VFC! The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has restructured how VFC vaccine is distributed to healthcare providers. The CDC made these changes to provide cost savings to the VFC Program, to allow the CDC to respond more quickly to vaccine shortages, and to focus as many people as possible on public health activities rather than on vaccine distribution and management.

In the coming months, we will begin to implement the next phase of our changes to vaccine distribution. We recently introduced Tiered Order Frequency, a schedule for you to order VFC vaccine based on your storage capacity and annual vaccine usage. Changes will be based on vaccine-ordering patterns.

What does this mean to you? Some of you will be changing how frequently you can order vaccines while others vaccine-ordering schedule won't change at all. In the next 4 weeks you will be receiving specific information about your vaccine-ordering schedule. In addition, we'll be holding conference calls to review this process and answer your questions. You will be advised of the times and dates of these conference calls.

Thank you for your support of the VFC Program!

Sincerely,

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