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To: All Indiana Health Coverage Programs Providers

Subject: Prevnar, Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine, Polyvalent, Available Through the Vaccines for Children Program

Prevnar, pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, polyvalent, is now available through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. VFC-participating providers may obtain a supply of this vaccine free of charge from the Indiana State Department of Health.

Note: The Indiana Health Coverage Programs' (IHCP) reimbursement for this vaccine will be limited to the \$8 VFC vaccine administration fee effective January 1, 2001.

For service dates prior to January 1, 2001, providers may bill the IHCP for **either** the \$8 VFC vaccine administration fee, if administering VFC vaccine, **or** the provider's customary charge for Prevnar, if administering a privately purchased vaccine. Payment for a privately purchased vaccine will be the lesser of the provider's charge or the IHCP fee schedule amount of \$75.40 through the end of December 2000.

If there are any questions, please contact the EDS Customer Assistance Unit at (317) 655-3240 in the Indianapolis local area or 1-800-577-1278.