



State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Public Health

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Vaccines for Children (VFC) Providers

FROM: Stacy Hall, RN MSN
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SUBJECT: Sanofi ActHIB vaccine

This is to inform you of a required change to our ActHIB[®] (Haemophilus b Conjugate Vaccine [Tetanus Toxoid Conjugate]) National Drug Code (NDC) and updated Prescribing Information (PI), which is a result of a new state-of-the-art facility used to manufacture ActHIB vaccine. In addition, product manufactured in this new facility, specifically the diluent rubber stopper, will no longer contain latex. This change is effective on product that will begin shipping in late May 2016. The NDC number is a unique, three-segment number which serves as a universal product identifier for human drugs. A dose of ActHIB vaccine has 3 separate NDC numbers associated with it: the carton NDC number, and, because it is a reconstituted vaccine, separate NDC numbers for both the vaccine vial and diluent vial. The change is occurring for the carton and the diluent vial, while the vaccine vial is not changing.

Why this change is occurring: The new NDC numbers are a result of a change in the diluent vial, which now does not contain latex. Such changes in manufacturing require Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval, which results in updated PI and new NDCs.

Coding and Billing: Because CPT^{®a} codes continue to be the primary method for billing immunizations and most payers do not require the use of an NDC, there should be limited impact to coding and billing for your practice. If the payer does not require NDC numbers, there will be no change to billing processes for that payer. If NDC numbers are

required by your plans for billing, please ensure you have updated your billing systems to limit any confusion for you and your staff. The CPT code for ActHIB vaccine continues to be 90648.

Payer Claim Systems: We have communicated this change to payers so that those who require NDC numbers will update their systems. We have also asked payers to continue to recognize both the previous and new NDC numbers, as providers will continue to administer product received prior to this change. When an NDC number is required for billing, you should use the NDC number of the actual product you are administering.

If you have any questions please contact our office at (504) 838-5300.