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Dear Provider/Parent/Guardian:

The Indiana State Department of Health has issued new eligibility guidelines for the use of vaccine provided to us. Beginning July 1, 2011, the Madison County Health Department will no longer be able to provide immunizations to everyone, regardless of insurance status. We will still be able to provide vaccinations for children who are uninsured, on Medicaid, Native American or Alaskan, or whose insurance does not fully include vaccines. "Insurance that does not fully cover immunizations" has been defined to us as private insurance coverage that does not include vaccines, covers only selected vaccines (in which case, the child would only be eligible for non-covered vaccines at our health department), or caps coverage at a certain amount (once that coverage amount is reached, then the child is eligible for state provided vaccine at our health department). "Insurance that does not fully cover immunizations" **does not include** those insurance plans that have a high deductibles, co-pays, 80/20 coverage, etc. These patients must go to their physician to be vaccinated.

To clarify, we are **no longer** able to provide childhood immunizations to the following with state provided vaccine:

- Patients who are fully insured with private insurance (insurance that pays for vaccines)
- Patients who are fully insured with private insurance, but **do not** have a physician
- Patients who are fully insured with private insurance and who have a physician, but the physician **does not** provide immunizations
- Patients who are over 18 years of age, unless needing school required vaccines are still in high school (must meet adult eligibility)

In addition there have been changes to the adult eligibility as well. We can now only provide state funded Tdap if both of the following eligibility requirements are met:

- The adult has no insurance or insurance does not fully cover vaccines (see definition above), and the adult is not on Medicaid
- The adult is a parent of or is living in the same household with an infant under 12 months of age

We are unable to provide Tdap to adults such as grandparent, if they do not live in the same household as the infant that is under 12 months of age. The state will no longer provide Td for those who have had an injury and need to boost their tetanus immediately.

We will still provide privately purchased Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B and Twinrix. (Hep A and Hep B combined) through our adult clinic for a set fee.

Adult clinics will continue to be on Tuesday from 8:15AM until 9:00 AM. Children's clinics will be held on Tuesday, and Thursday from 9Am until 12:00 PM. There are 2 evening clinics per month, held the first Thursday and the 3rd Wednesday from 4:30 PM until 6:00 PM. Elwood clinic the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 9:30 AM until 12:00PM. Elwood clinic is held at the Elwood YMCA. All clinics are walk in on a first come, first served basis. Please keep these changes in mind when referring clients to our clinics.

Thank You,

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