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Dear Child Care Provider:

Per COMAR 13A.14.02.44 and 13A.14.01.29, the enclosed chart defines age-appropriate immunizations for children enrolled in child care programs. Age-Appropriate Immunization Requirements for Children Enrolled in Child Care Programs, is valid from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009.

Use this chart and the instructions listed below to determine if a child is properly immunized. This chart can be found at www.EDCP.org (Immunization, Back-to-School).

Instructions: Find the age of the child in the column labeled “Child’s Current Age”. Read across the row for each required vaccine. The number in the box is the number of doses required for that vaccine based on the CURRENT age or grade level of the child. The age range in the column does not mean that the child has until the highest age in that range to meet compliance. Any child whose age falls within that range must have received the required number of doses based on his/her CURRENT age in order to be in compliance with COMAR.

IMPORTANT VACCINE UPDATE: There is currently a national Hib vaccine shortage. This may affect enrolled children 24-59 months of age. Please refer these children to their primary care provider or their local health department to receive a temporary medical contraindication. The shortage is expected to be resolved in late 2008. Please be mindful of the temporary medical contraindication end date and refer those enrolled children back to their primary care provider or local health department to receive the required vaccination.

For questions regarding immunizations, call the Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Center for Immunization at 410-767-6679.

For questions regarding Office of Child Care regulations and guidelines, please contact your Child Care Licensing Specialist or go to www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child_care/licensing_branch

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