

Blastfax

Georgia Vaccines for Children Program to Supply Hiberix[®]

Beginning January 2010, the Georgia VFC Program will supply Hiberix[®] to all VFC providers for eligible children. Hiberix[®] is licensed for use as the booster (final) dose of the Hib vaccine series for children aged 15 months through 4 years (before the 5th birthday) who have received the primary series of Hib vaccination (consisting of 2 or 3 doses, depending on the formulation). Hiberix[®] is **not** licensed for use in the primary Hib series.

A starter supply of 10 doses will be included in routine vaccine shipments to all VFC providers. Initial demand is difficult to predict. Contact the VFC Program via telephone, (800) 848-3868 or (404) 657-5013 (in Metro Atlanta), or request additional doses on the bottom of the Monthly Comprehensive Report as doses are needed until sufficient vaccine usage history has been established.

Please note:

1. Reimbursement of the vaccine administration fee by Medicaid will coincide with Hiberix[®] distribution from the VFC Program (January 1, 2010). The current procedural terminology (CPT) code for Hib vaccine is 90648. The ICD-9 code is V03.81.
2. Hiberix[®] comes packaged with 10 single-dose vials to be reconstituted with accompanied prefilled TIP-LOCK syringes containing 0.7 ml of saline diluent. Hiberix[®] should be stored in the refrigerator prior to reconstitution at 36°- 46° F (2°-8°C) and should never be frozen. Hiberix[®] should be administered within 24 hours of reconstitution and discarded if not used within 24 hours. Hiberix[®] must be given as an intramuscular (IM) injection. (*Note: Please ensure that the needle is secure prior to administration to avoid leakage.*)
3. Hiberix[®] will reflect on a separate line when reported through GRITS. Providers submitting handwritten counts should indicate Hiberix[®] separately on the bottom of the Comprehensive Report Forms and Usage Tally Sheets until the form is revised.
4. The Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) for *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) vaccine has not changed.

For questions or concerns regarding this blastfax or any other immunization information, please contact the Chapter's Immunization Coordinator, Mike Chaney at (404) 881-5094 or mchaney@gaaap.org.