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Memorandum

Date: July 23, 2010

To: Alliance Providers

From: Provider Services Department

Re: VACCINATING AGAINST PERTUSSIS: WHOOPING COUGH

Due to the current epidemic levels of pertussis (whooping cough), the Alliance will follow California Department of Public Health's (CDPH), recommendation for immunizing against pertussis. Effective immediately, the Alliance has removed upper age restrictions for CPT 90715; Tdap immunization, which is key to controlling whooping cough.

In addition to the typical series of childhood pertussis immunizations, CDPH now recommends an adolescent-adult pertussis booster vaccine (Tdap) for:

- anyone 7 years and older who is not fully immunized, including those who are more than 64 years old.
- women of childbearing age, before, during, or immediately after pregnancy, and
- other people who have contact with pregnant women or infants.

For additional information on pertussis, please visit CDPH's website at www.cdph.ca.gov or contact your Provider Services Representative at (831) 430-5504 for Santa Cruz and Monterey County or (209) 381-5514 for Merced County.