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SUBJECT: Clarification of Pediatric Immunization Policy and Family Member Immunization Schedules

Periodically, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approves a new vaccine and advisory bodies publish guidelines for its clinical use in the United States. How this new vaccine is incorporated into use by the military is governed by AFJI 48-110 (AR 40-562, BUMEDINST 6230.15, CGCCOMDTINST M6230.4E), *Immunizations and Chemoprophylaxis*, a joint instruction governing immunization administration for the Air Force, Army, Navy, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps. This instruction designates the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), as the authoritative body for vaccine policy guidance for family members. The ACIP publishes its recommendations in the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)*. Once published, the recommendations should be considered policy for all military family members who are not on active duty.

Every year in January the ACIP publishes the "Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule" (www.cdc.gov/nip/ACIP/default.htm) and all Military Treatment Facilities (MTF) immunization and primary care clinics are directed to use this schedule and its updates in the MMWR. All children who attend Air Force sponsored Child Development Centers, Family Child Care Homes, and School Age Care centers (Before/After-School Programs) will be vaccinated according to this age-adjusted schedule. When ranges of age are given for appropriate vaccination, eligible recipients are required to be immunized no later than the latest date in the schedule. This supercedes the May 1997 letter on Pediatric Immunization Policy. Each MTF should have a designated point of contact to serve as liaison with clinics and Family Member Programs to discuss the annual childhood immunization schedule and other immunization updates.

Vaccination has historically been established as one of the most effective medical tools in preventing illness and death. It is tracked in the AF Complete Immunization Tracking Application as a key prevention outcome measure. We appreciate your assistance in ensuring all military children and other beneficiaries are safely vaccinated. My point of contacts for this memorandum are Col Dana Bradshaw, AFMOA/SGZP, 110 Luke Avenue, Room 405, Bolling AFB, DC 20332-7050, DSN 297-4268, e-mail: dana.bradshaw@usafsg.bolling.af.mil and Lt Col Cathy Biersack, AFMOA/SGZC, DSN 297-4060, e-mail: cathy.biersack@usafsg.bolling.af.mil. This memorandum has been coordinated with HQ USAF/ILVY.


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