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Attached please find a Question and Answer document that addresses concerns being received by the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) regarding the need to possibly revaccinate patients of Earl Bradley. We will provide updated information and guidance as we have it and will also post information on our website at <http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/index.html>. We are also very interested in any additional obstacles you may be encountering and want you to know we are here to support you. The health of Delaware's children is our critical concern. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this issue, please contact our immunization program at 1-800-282-8672 between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday-Friday.

DPH urged parents of Bradley's patients to contact their child's medical provider to determine the need for revaccination. Because each situation should be treated based upon each individual child's needs, we are not recommending mandatory revaccination at this time.



Questions and Answers about revaccinations for Earl Bradley's former patients

(This document will be updated as frequently as needed)

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Who will pay for re-vaccination?

Similar to any other childhood vaccine, it is expected that insurance companies will cover the revaccination costs for all insured patients at their doctor's office. The Division of Public Health is currently working with the Insurance Commissioner's office to ensure that insurance companies will cover the cost. Blue Cross Blue Shield has indicated re-vaccination will be covered.

The Vaccine For Children (VFC) program will cover children under 19 years of age who are insured by Medicaid through either Medicaid or their Medicaid managed care organizations (e.g. Delaware Physician's Care and Unison). The VFC program also covers children without health insurance, underinsured children. Examples of children who are underinsured includes those who have private health insurance but the coverage does not include vaccines, children whose insurance covers only selected vaccines (VFC - eligible for non-covered vaccines only), and children whose insurance caps vaccine coverage at a certain amount (once that coverage amount is reached, these children are categorized as underinsured). Underinsured children must be referred to a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) for their vaccine.

For families or providers who have questions or concerns about the cost of these revaccinations, please contact the Division of Public Health's Immunization Program vaccine hotline at 1-800-282-8672 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

How should providers code office visits?

Providers should use a problem focused office visit code for visits requiring provider consultation related to revaccination.

What if the child currently has no primary care physician?

If the child has insurance, parents should contact their insurance company to find a provider within the network who is accepting new patients. If none is available, please contact the DPH vaccine hotline for help in finding a medical home or for referral to a DPH clinic.

What if the child has no insurance?

If under the age of 19, the child is eligible for the VFC program. The child may be seen by a VFC enrolled provider, at a FQHC or at a DPH Clinic. Please contact the Division of Public Health's Immunization Program vaccine hotline at 1-800-282-8672 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday with questions.



Will affected children be excluded from school or child care because they have not been re-vaccinated?

Affected children will not be excluded from school or child care as long as a child has documentation that original vaccinations are up-to-date. The Division of Public Health considers these children to meet Day care and/or school entry requirements. The decision to revaccinate or not lies with the child's parent/guardian and their doctor.

How can medical providers obtain a patient's vaccination history?

Providers may request the immunization record(s) of any of their clients by calling the immunization program at 1-800-282-8672. This record includes the name of the provider (if a Delaware provider) who administered the vaccines.

How soon should my child be revaccinated?

The timing of the revaccination is not important. You may arrange for the most convenient time with your doctor.



FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS

Delmarva Rural Ministries

- Kent Community Health Center, 1095 S. Bradford Street, Dover, DE, 19904
(302) 678-2000

Westside Family Healthcare

- Wilmington Location: 1802 W. 4th Street, Wilmington, DE 19805
(302) 655-5822
- Northeast Location: 908-B East 16th Street, Wilmington, DE 19802
(302) 575-1414
- Newark Location: 27 Marrows Road, Newark, DE 19713
(302) 455-0900
- Bear Location: 404 Fox Hunt Drive, Bear, DE 19701
(302) 836-2864

Southbridge Medical Advisory Council

- Henrietta Johnson Medical Center, 601 New Castle Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19801
(302) 655-6187 or (302) 655-6190
- HJMC - Riverside, 700 W. Lea Boulevard., Ste. 201, Wilmington, DE 19802
(302) 761-4610

La Red Health Center

- 505-A W. Market Street, Georgetown, DE 19947
(302) 855-1233
- Seaford Location Open: 1340 Middleford Road, Ste. 401, Seaford DE 19973
(302) 628-7752