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To: Iowa Vaccines for Children Program Providers
From: Iowa VFC Program
Re: Discontinuation of HPV2 and HPV4

The Iowa Immunization Program has been notified of the discontinuation of HPV2 (Cervarix) and HPV4 (Gardasil) for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. Effective April 29, 2016, HPV2 and HPV4 will no longer be available to order through the VFC Program.

In the absence of HPV2 and HPV4, Gardasil 9 may be used to continue or complete the HPV vaccine series for males and females, regardless of the HPV vaccine product previously administered. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for Gardasil 9 include administering the vaccine to both males and females starting at 11-12 years of age, but vaccination may begin as young as age 9 years. Vaccination is also recommended for females aged 13 through 26 years and for males aged 13 through 21 years who have not been vaccinated previously. Males aged 22 through 26 years may also be vaccinated.

If you have questions regarding HPV vaccine recommendations, contact the Immunization Program at 1-800-831-6293 ext. 2. Questions regarding vaccine ordering may be directed to the VFC Program at 1-800-831-6293 ext. 5.