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**To: Iowa Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Providers**

**From: Iowa VFC Program**

**Re: Quadracel (DTaP-IPV, Sanofi Pasteur) Vaccine**

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Effective immediately, the Iowa VFC Program will allow providers to begin ordering Quadracel vaccine. Quadracel (Sanofi Pasteur) is a combination DTaP and IPV vaccine.

Quadracel is recommended for use in children 4-6 years of age as the fifth dose in the DTaP series, and as a fourth or fifth dose in the IPV series in children who have received 4 doses of Pentacel (DTaP-IPV-Hib, Sanofi Pasteur) and/or Daptacel (DTaP, Sanofi Pasteur) vaccine. It should not be given to children younger than age 4 years. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends the same brand of DTaP vaccine be used for each dose in the series. However, vaccination should not be deferred when the type of DTaP vaccine previously administered is unavailable or unknown.

A detailed Quadracel vaccine summary is available [here](#) and includes information on use, dosage, schedule, and contraindications. When placing an order for Quadracel vaccine, please review the clinic's vaccine inventory to identify all other vaccines needed. VFC providers should continue to place vaccine orders consistent with their economic order quantity (monthly, bimonthly or quarterly) and monitor existing inventory to ensure VFC vaccine is not wasted or allowed to expire.

Updated VFC Monthly Doses Administered Reports and VFC Available Vaccines and Covered Age Ranges are available on the [Immunization Program Website](#).

If you have questions regarding recommendations for use of Quadracel vaccine, contact the Immunization Program at 1-800-831-6293 ext. 2. For questions regarding vaccine orders contact the VFC Program at 1-800-831-6293 ext. 4 or 5.