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ORDER GRANTING WAIVER

641 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) 7.4(1) Final Dose of Haemophilus Influenza Type B (Hib) Vaccine March 15, 2010

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), Bureau of Immunization and Tuberculosis is extending a temporary, limited waiver of the provision of 641 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) 7.4(1) requiring administration of the final dose of Haemophilus influenzae Type b (Hib) vaccine on or after 12 months of age. This waiver was effective from December 19, 2007 and is hereby extended to June 30, 2010.

Issuance of this waiver is necessary in light of the nation-wide shortage of the Hib vaccine. On December 19, 2007, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in consultation with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the American Academy of Pediatrics, published a recommendation in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) which directed that providers temporarily defer administering the routine Hib vaccine booster dose administered at age 12-15 months except to children in specific high risk groups. **Beginning in July 2009 CDC recommended reinstatement of the booster dose and limited catch-up with currently available product. Although supply was sufficient to reinstate the booster dose and begin catch-up vaccination, there was not enough supply to support the immediate recall of all children with deferred booster doses.** This waiver will prevent children from being excluded from licensed childcare centers because of their inability to obtain the final dose of Hib vaccine on or after 12 months of age.

Pursuant to 641 IAC 178.1(10), IDPH hereby grants a temporary, limited waiver to the provision of 641 IAC 7.4(1) requiring that children attending licensed childcare receive the final dose of Hib vaccine on or after 12 months of age. The waiver is issued due to the Hib vaccine shortage and based on the CDC recommendation and shall remain in effect through June 30, 2010.

Sincerely,

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