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To: Interested Parties

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Subject: Adoption of final rule: 10-144, Chapter 248, List of Vaccines to Be Provided by the Universal Immunization Program (joint rule between DHHS/MCDC and The Maine Vaccine Board)

The adopted rule implements the provisions of public law 2009, Chapter 595, An Act to Establish the Universal Childhood Immunization Program. This rule includes the list of vaccines to be provided by the Universal Childhood Immunization Program. This list of vaccines will provide the basis for Board calculation of assessments and finance acquisition. The following criteria was used in determining this list: 1.) vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; 2.) recommendations of the Department of Health and Human Services; and 3.) clinical and cost-benefit analyses. The rule is expected to be effective on July 15, 2011.

A public hearing was held on April 4, 2011. The comment deadline was April 14, 2011.

The latest rules and related rulemaking documents may be reviewed at and printed from the following website: <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/144c248.doc> or may be obtained by calling Tammy Duguay at (207) 287-7396.

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