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**** PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO ALL PEDIATRIC, FAMILY PRACTICE AND OFFICE STAFF ****

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Dear Colleague:

The newly licensed 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, PCV13, manufactured by Wyeth Vaccines (now part of Pfizer, Inc.), is now available for ordering, both directly from the manufacturer, and through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. As previously announced, PCV13 replaces PCV7 for all eligible children; see www.nyc.gov/html/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/imm-PCV13-pro-letter.pdf. Begin administering PCV13 as soon as it is received. Do not miss opportunities for vaccination; continue to use PCV7 until PCV13 is received. The Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) will be updated; continue using the currently available VIS.

For privately purchased PCV7, any unused doses of PCV7 may be returned to Wyeth until December 31, 2010. Please contact your Wyeth representative or the manufacturer directly at 800-666-7248.

For vaccine distributed through the VFC program, the distributor (McKesson) will provide labels and directions for return shipping. The Bureau of Immunization has requested that all providers and/or practices that received PCV7 through VFC be sent return instructions and shipping labels. Please return unused doses of PCV7 immediately after you receive PCV13. These doses do not need to be shipped as viable vaccine.

You should send only public purchased (VFC) doses back to McKesson and return private purchased doses back to Wyeth.

Please note that the Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR) is in the process of being updated to include PCV13. Systems that use electronic reporting must update the computer codes for doses to be correctly identified. Please note the new codes:

CVX code for PCV13:	133
CPT code for PCV13:	90670
ICD9 code for PCV13:	V03.82

For questions related to vaccine supply or availability, contact the VFC Program at 212-447-8175. For questions about the CIR, call 212-676-2323. For professional or technical questions, call the Bureau of Immunization, at 212-676-2259.

We thank you for your continuing efforts to protect children from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Sincerely,

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