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Dear VFC Provider:

This summer, we ask you once again to focus your attention on catching children up on their needed regular vaccines. We know that many children are still behind on their shots, and new this year, 16-year-olds going into 11th grade will need a second dose of MenACWY.

We will hold our annual "Got Shots" campaign from July 8th through August 31. We invite you to sign up now to participate as a Got Shots provider for your community. Please check the CDC website for the latest COVID-19 information and for suggestions on how to hold your clinic safely.

Many children need immunizations for school, and many have postponed well child checks. We encourage your clinic to participate in Got Shots. To do that, we ask you to consider the following:

- Hold your Got Shots clinic on one or more of the days during July 8-August 31, preferably during evening or weekend hours to accommodate working parents;
- See any child who presents for immunizations without an appointment, regardless of whether they are a patient or whether they have insurance;
- Bill insurance for the administration fee reimbursement, but during your event, we ask that you immunize all children at no cost to the parent, including co-pays;
- Complete timely data-entry of all vaccines into NMSIIS;
- Follow all CDC and AAP guidance for safe clinic practices during the pandemic.

Posters are available for download to help your clinic advertise and announce your dates and times of participation. NMDOH and community partners will be helping to advertise using radio

We plan to provide a bag of incentives for you to give out to your patients 0-18, as per usual. To plan for sufficient bags of incentives, we ask that you register by **June 8**. If you will be traveling to ABO and can pick up your bag any time after that, please let us know.

Please join the New Mexico Department of Health, the New Mexico Primary Care Association, and the New Mexico Immunization Coalition, along with our managed care partners, Presbyterian Healthcare Services, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico, and Western Sky Community Care, in making sure that all New Mexico children are immunized on time!

Be sure to fill out the attached registration form and return by Friday, June 8. Thanks in advance for your participation! Please contact any of us if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure