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**MEMORANDUM**

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**SUBJECT:** **2007 Rule Changes for Schools and Childcare Facilities  
APPROVAL BY ELECTRONIC MAIL**

The Oklahoma State Board of Health has approved changes to the immunization requirements for children attending childcare facilities and schools in Oklahoma effective June 25, 2007. The changes to the requirements for childcare attendance are:

1. Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV7) was added to the list of required vaccines.
2. The minimum time intervals between doses of Hib vaccine were changed from months to weeks to be consistent with national recommendations specifically:
  - The minimum interval between Hib doses number one and two has been changed to 4 weeks instead of one month;
  - If a third dose is part of the primary Hib series, it must be given at least 4 weeks after the second dose, instead of one month;
  - The booster dose of Hib should not be given until the child is 12 months old and at least 8 weeks after the previous dose, instead of 2 months after the previous dose.

PCV7 is only available for Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) eligible children at this time. Fully insured children presenting at county health departments should be referred to their primary care physicians to receive this vaccine.

The changes to the requirements for school attendance are:

1. If a child has not completed the DTaP/DTP/DT vaccine series by the seventh birthday, the series must be completed with Adult Td or Tdap vaccine based on the child's age at the time the first dose was received and the child's current age; and
2. If a student has not started or completed the polio vaccine series by the eighteenth birthday, no additional doses of polio vaccine are required.