



## (Vaccine Management Business Improvement Project)

### Background:

The National Immunization Program recently decided to improve vaccine management processes at the federal, state and local levels. As a result, the Vaccine Management Business Improvement Project (VMBIP) was developed. VMBIP aims to simplify the process for ordering, distributing and managing vaccines; reduce the lead time between ordering and delivery of vaccine; allow for direct delivery of vaccine to providers; and improve immunization coverage levels. Virginia plans to implement VMBIP on May 7, 2007. Virginia Vaccines for Children (VVFC) staff are working diligently to ensure the same level of service you have grown accustomed to.

### What does this mean for me?



As of May 7, 2007, a new vaccine distributor, McKesson will be shipping your vaccine, so the packaging for the **non-direct ship** vaccines will arrive in a different box. Packaging for direct ship vaccines MMRV and varicella will not change. McKesson will continue to ship orders on Mondays. Below, you will find some of the upcoming *changes* you can expect:

- The new deadline for ordering vaccine will be **noon Thursdays**.
- When your non direct-ship vaccine arrives, it will be packaged in a white insulated box coming from McKesson.
- Since McKesson is located in Tennessee, receipt of your orders may take a day or so longer.

### What should I do if I have questions or encounter problems with vaccine shipment?

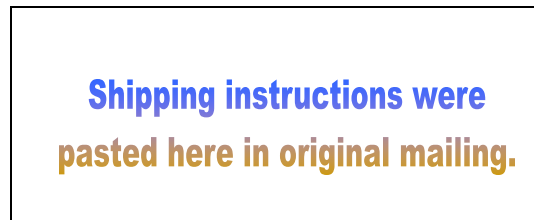
If you have questions about VMBIP, contact your VVFC consultant or the central office. Additionally, if you encounter problems with shipment of vaccine, your VVFC order center is available to assist at 877-781-VVFC (8832) or 804-864-8055.

## IMPORTANT!

In order to make sure you receive your vaccine orders we have formatted shipping instructions for your facility according to McKesson requirements.

Please verify that you are available to receive shipments on the days noted by **“Open Days”** on the sticker to the right.

And please verify that you are available to receive shipments during the hours noted for those days as noted in **“Open Hours and/or Notes”** on the sticker to the right. If there are no open hours then it is assumed you are open from 9 to 5.



The shipping instructions are limited to 50 characters, so facilities with inconsistent open hours were structured to fit that requirement. If you need to make a change to the shipping information above, call 877-781-VVFC (8832) or 804-864-8055 **IMMEDIATELY**.