



# State of Louisiana

## Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Public Health Immunization Program

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Dear Vaccines for Children Providers:

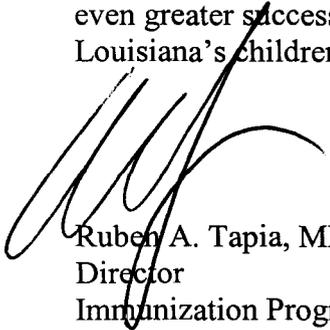
The purpose of this letter is to announce the completion of our transition to VOMS (Vaccine Ordering Management System). We wish to thank all Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers for their patience, cooperation, and dedication during the transition. Virtually 100% of all VFC providers have now successfully transmitted their vaccine orders through VOMS. The Louisiana Vaccines for Children Program, together with all other state VFC Programs, have come under increased federal pressures to further assure our accountability and stewardship of the VFC vaccine funds that we are entrusted with. We believe that working together, we have successfully implemented the tools required to satisfy the accountability demands placed upon us all.

It is our sincere hope and belief that VOMS will improve provider vaccine order flow, but this greatly depends on your accounting for and managing every dose of vaccines that you have received. To ensure proper and accurate accountability, we advise the entry of each dose of vaccine into LINKS as soon as possible after the service is provided or entry concurrent with the services performed. LINKS/VOMS is integrated such that it ensures the accounting accuracy of every dose of vaccine administered in your practice, and that it can provide the accountability needed to more quickly re-order vaccines for your office.

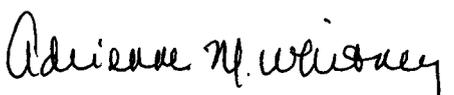
*If there are key points to remember in the successful use of LINKS/VOMS it is:*

- *the proper entry of your vaccine inventory into VOMS (upon receipt recommended);*
- *the proper data entry of each vaccine dose you have administered to each patient; and*
- *the accurate entry of doses of vaccine that were lost, wasted, damaged, or expired.*

We are excited and very pleased to have achieved this milestone--together! We look forward to even greater successes during 2012. As always, thank you for the services you provide to Louisiana's children!



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