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TO:    Physicians and Mid-Level Practitioners participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program

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RE: MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR ROTAVIRUS VACCINE

Please share this information with administrative, clinical and billing staff.

Beginning July 1, 2006, Medicaid will cover the administration of the new rotavirus vaccine, Rotateq®, as a practitioner service according to the following Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations:

Eligible Groups

Infants aged 6 weeks through 32 weeks only.

Recommended Schedule for Rotavirus Vaccines

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Dosage Intervals for Rotavirus Vaccines

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<td>6 – 12 weeks*</td>
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* The first dose of rotavirus vaccine should be initiated for infants between 6 and 12 weeks of age because of insufficient data on the safety of the first dose of the vaccine in older infants.

Note: The last dose of rotavirus vaccine must be administered by 32 weeks of age.

ACIP provisional recommendations can be found at: http://www.cdc.gov/nip/recs/provisional_recs/default.htm

BILLING FOR VACCINES FOR CHILDREN (VFC) IMMUNIZATIONS:

Rotateq® is available for ordering through VFC. The American Medical Association has established a Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code of 90680 for the rotavirus vaccine.

Immunizations should be billed to Medicaid using the CPT code that identifies the vaccine + the SL modifier. An administration CPT code should not be used.

If you are not currently a VFC provider, we encourage you to become a provider now. Medicaid is unable to reimburse for private stock vaccines when they are available through VFC. For questions about the VFC Program, please call 1-800-798-1696.

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