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## **Pentacel® Manufacturing Delay Extended**

### **Status Update**

Pentacel® vaccine supply will continue to be limited. Sanofi Pasteur, the manufacturer of Pentacel®, said in December 2015 that the manufacturing issues would last through the first half of 2016. The company recently announced that, “while progress has been made regarding this vaccine delay, there is a need to extend allocations into the second half of 2016.” At this point Sanofi Pasteur does not have a firm or estimated date for the resolution of this vaccine supply limitation.

### **Do Not Delay Childhood Immunizations**

Providers already using Pentacel® can still order Pentacel® vaccine, but you may not have enough Pentacel® to complete the 4-dose vaccine series. These Philadelphia VFC providers should continue to vaccinate with Pentacel®, but finish the series with single-antigen vaccines for DTaP (DAPTACEL®), Polio (IPOL®), and Hib (ActHIB®), when necessary.

You can see recommended sample schedules for vaccines during the Pentacel® manufacturing delay in the December 17, 2015 message, found on our website:

<http://kids.phila.gov>