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TO: Health Department STD/TB Drug Recipients

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SUBJECT: Ordering STD/TB Biologicals

As a result of the Communicable Disease Branch restructuring, the STD and TB biologicals ordering programs have been merged. This merger will require minimal changes to order TB biologicals and will have no impact on how STD medications are ordered. The order forms for both STD and TB will remain the same, but some small changes in ordering TB biologicals will occur (see below). The effective date of these changes is June 2, 2008.

The changes in TB biologicals orders are as follows:

- TB biologicals requisitions will be faxed to Laura Oglesby in the Field Development Unit at (919) 733-2054.
- TB biologicals requisitions confirmation faxes will no longer be sent back to health departments.
- TB biologicals requests are generally filled within 24 hours of receipt Monday – Thursday with the following exceptions: orders received after noon on Thursdays or before state holidays. Orders shipped from Cardinal Health are delivered by commercial carrier and require a signature upon receipt.
- The Cardinal invoices shipped with the TB biologicals are to be documented as “received” and initialed by an agency representative. Any missing TB biologicals are to be noted on the invoice and a call placed to Laura Oglesby at (919) 733-2030 (ext 40). If she is not available, contact Rick Hedenquist at (919) 733-2030 (ext. 51).
- The original Cardinal invoice is required for payment. It should be signed and mailed within 1-3 business days to Laura Oglesby, DHHS/Division of Public Health, Epidemiology Section, Communicable Disease Branch, Field Development Unit, 1933 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-1933.
- All expired TB biologicals will be returned to Laura Oglesby at the address listed in the above bulleted item.

Questions about these changes or any other STD/TB drug questions should be directed to Laura Oglesby at (919) 733-2030 (ext. 40) or Rick Hedenquist (919) 733-2030 (ext. 51).

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