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Dear VFC Provider:

The summer **“Got Shots? Protect Tots!”** week is coming the week of August 4-9, 2008. Please do your part and join the New Mexico Department of Health, the New Mexico Primary Care Association and the New Mexico Immunization Coalition, along with our managed care partners, Molina, Lovelace and Presbyterian, and Blue Cross Blue Shield in making sure that all New Mexican children are immunized on time! Be sure to fill out the attached registration form and fax it back to us by **July 11, 2008**.

“Got Shots? Protect Tots!” is our quarterly event designed to provide additional opportunities for children to stay up-to-date on their immunizations. During our first three “Got Shots?” weeks, providers participated in 28 cities. Over 1,700 children received over 3,100 shots. We know that with your help, we can reach many more children during our August event!

The August event will coincide with school registration, and we know that many children need immunizations in order to register for school. We encourage you to coordinate your efforts with other providers in your area to make sure every community has a participating Got Shots site.

In order to participate in “Got Shots,” we ask that providers open their doors on one or more of the dates during the **week of August 4-9**, preferably during evening or weekend hours, and that they see any child who presents for immunizations **without an appointment**, regardless of whether they are a patient or whether they have insurance. Providers should bill insurance if the child is insured, but we ask that you immunize all children **at no cost to the parent** (including co-pays). Each site should be prepared to provide Medicaid Eligibility services during the event. The New Mexico Primary Care Association can help arrange for onsite Medicaid application.

During the two weeks before the “Got Shots?” week, we will have a statewide toll-free number operational and some radio and television advertisement. We will provide posters for you to place in neighborhood locations and at clinics to announce provider participation and hours. We need your help to make sure parents in your communities know about your participation. The New Mexico Primary Care Association and the New Mexico Immunization Coalition will provide some incentives and books for the children getting shots.

Thanks in advance for your participation!

Sincerely,

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NM Department of Health
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