

MnVFC Announcement

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To: MnVFC Providers

From: MnVFC Program

Re: Nirsevimab Supply and Recommendations

Please route to:

- Clinical supervisor
- Medical director
- Clinic manager
- Clinic staff
- Pharmacy
- Vaccine staff

The national supply of nirsevimab (Beyfortus) has improved in recent weeks and the CDC has issued [Updated Guidance for Healthcare Providers on Increasing Supply of Nirsevimab to Protect Young Children from Severe Respiratory Syncytial Virus \(RSV\) during the 2023-2024 Respiratory Virus Season](https://emergency.cdc.gov/newsletters/coca/2024/010524a.html) (<https://emergency.cdc.gov/newsletters/coca/2024/010524a.html>). This guidance removes prioritization considerations and advises the return to recommendations for young children that were initially put forward last August by CDC and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. The main point of this change is to encourage providers to use their existing supply to vaccinate infants and children recommended to receive nirsevimab as quickly as possible at this point in the RSV season.

However, MnVFC supply in Minnesota is still limited and some sites may still be facing higher demand than they are able to accommodate. If your site has enough supply, please follow the expanded recommendations outlined above. If your supply remains limited, continue with the previous guidelines outlined in the [CDC: Health Alert Network \(HAN\): Limited Availability of Nirsevimab in the United States—Interim CDC Recommendations to Protect Infants from Respiratory Syncytial Virus \(RSV\) during the 2023–2024 Respiratory Virus Season](https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2023/han00499.asp) (<https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2023/han00499.asp>). Recommendations for nirsevimab immunization go through the end of March and we are starting to see less RSV in the community, so now is the time to use all your available inventory. We will continue allocating doses to sites as we are able.

As we approach the end of the season, please note that unlike flu vaccine, nirsevimab doses do NOT expire in June 2024. Most current doses will still be able to be used in the fall, so please check expiration dates, and safely store any unused doses for next season.

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