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***New Information From Your CPMG Medical Directors...
... always interesting to us – hopefully useful to you!***

We wanted to share a recent directive from State of California Health and Human Services Agency. If our offices run out of mercury-free flu vaccine for children under 3, or if we have the opportunity to vaccinate pregnant teens, this information will be relevant to us. We have attached the complete documentation from the State.

Since 2006, California law [Health and Safety Code Section 124172 subdivision (a)] has stated that vaccines containing specific levels of mercury cannot be administered to pregnant women and young children, except under certain circumstances. **The Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency has granted an exemption to this restriction for 2012-13 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine in children younger than 3 years of age and pregnant women from February 6, 2013 – June 30, 2013.** The exemption is being granted because of the present danger posed by widespread influenza activity in California, and because there are limited supplies of thimerosal-free influenza vaccine.

Many thanks for your attention to this important matter.
Best wishes,

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