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**To: Health Care Providers**

### **Clarification of Eligibility for Publicly Funded Prevnar 13 Vaccine**

#### **Who can have it for free?**

Prevnar 13 vaccine is **provided free- of-charge to the following individuals:**

- Infants and children 6 weeks to 4 years of age (routinely at 2,4 and 12 months of age)
- High risk adults, ≥50 years of age who meet the **specific** eligibility criteria found in the Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario- October 2015.

The criteria include individuals who have the following:

- Hematopoietic stem cell transplants
- HIV
- Immunocompromising conditions such as asplenia, sickle cell disease, congenital immunodeficiencies, immunosuppressive therapy, and malignant neoplasms including leukemia and lymphoma as well as solid organ or islet cell transplants.

Additional information is available on the schedule.

Other adults requesting Prevnar 13 may be given a prescription for the vaccine. It is **not** publicly funded for this group.

If you have any questions regarding the eligibility of a client for this or any other vaccines, please call our office. (519) 258-2146 ext 1121.

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