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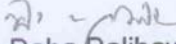
Issue of Oral and Injactable Polio vaccines (OPV & IPV) to Private Health Sector

Some private health institutions have requested stocks of Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) and Injactable Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) to be administered through private health sector from the government sector.

The requested necessary stocks of OPV and IPV can be issued to be given through private health sector under following conditions.

- It is essential to adhere to National Schedule of giving OPV with Pentavalent vaccine at 2, 4, 6 months, with DPT at 18 months and with DT at 5 years
- IPV single dose should be given only at 4 months of age, together with the 2nd dose of Pentavalent, and OPV (in accordance with the guidelines issued vide letter No: EPID/37/2015 dated 22nd May 2015, copy attached)
 - Essential to adhere to Open Vial Policy for IPV 5 dose vials
- Vaccination information including number administered in each month needs to be reported to the stock issuing institution
- Vaccines stocks will be issued with the maximum upper limit of 2 months estimate of the requirement, on request
- Required vaccine stocks can be obtained from the nearest Medical Officer of Health (MOH) office by a formal stock request
- Cold chain maintenance during transport and storage should be in accordance with the National Guidelines (Immunization Handbook, National EPI, Epidemiology Unit, Ministry of Health 2012) (information has been received on sub optimal and unacceptable standards of cold chain maintenance identified in some private sector institutions)
- If any institution is found not adhering to the above essential required conditions, relevant Medical Officers of Health in the government sector issuing vaccine stocks will be advised against issuing vaccine stocks at their earliest, for the benefit of children receiving vaccination

Thank you,


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