

Board of Health for Madison and Dane County
Resolution #2015-04

**Authorization to Enter into an Agreement
with Merck Patient Assistance, Inc.**

Merck is the manufacturer of several recommended adult vaccines and has a patient assistance program that provides free vaccine for low-income underinsured or uninsured adults. PHMDC has used this program for three years for HPV, Hepatitis A and B and pneumococcal vaccines and will soon offer their shingles vaccine. In the past, PHMDC staff faxed information to Merck for each person to receive the vaccine and had to receive a faxed authorization before immunizing. A new process is being established by MERCK to expedite replacement of vaccine supply by streamlining the communication process between them and PHMDC. Instead of faxing information for each individual, PHMDC will follow protocols for approval and immunization, then report quarterly to Merck and be sent replacement vaccine. This new process, the Bulk Replacement Program, requires a formal agreement between PHMDC and Merck.

PHMDC is seeking authorization from the Board of Health to enter into an agreement with Merck Patient Assistance Program, Inc. to provide vaccine for clients who are not covered by any public or private health insurance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County, on behalf of Public Health—Madison and Dane County is authorized to enter into an agreement through December 31, 2016 with Merck Patient Assistance Program, Inc. to make certain Merck vaccine available to PHMDC clients that are not covered by nor eligible for any private or coverage of vaccines and the Director is authorized to sign the agreement.

Submitted by: Cheryl Robinson and David Caes
Introduced: June 3, 2015 Executive Committee
Action: