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## Extension on 2024 Season for the Utilization of Abrysvo in Pregnant Persons

This public health advisory is to notify Ventura County health care providers of the extension of season for the utilization of Abrysvo in pregnant persons (week 32-36 gestation). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have recommended the use of Abrysvo in pregnant persons during 32-36 weeks gestation using seasonal administration to protect infants against RSV-associated lower respiratory tract disease (LRTD) after birth. In most of the continental United States, the RSV vaccine should be given to pregnant people from September 1 through January 31. <a href="https://emergency.cdc.gov/newsletters/coca/2024/012624.html">https://emergency.cdc.gov/newsletters/coca/2024/012624.html</a>

However, the CDC allows for the local health department to provide guidance on timing of administering the RSV vaccine for pregnant people, especially in jurisdictions where seasonality differs.

Considering the above CDC recommendations, epidemiological data, and public health priorities to protect infants from LRTD, the Ventura County Public Health Officer will extend the use of Abrysvo in pregnant persons through March 31, 2024.

Additionally, Gold Coast Managed Health Care has committed to continue the reimbursement of Abrysvo in pregnant persons (week 32-36 gestation) through March 31, 2024.

Abrysvo product guide: <a href="https://labeling.pfizer.com/ShowLabeling.aspx?id=19589">https://labeling.pfizer.com/ShowLabeling.aspx?id=19589</a>

For questions regarding this notification, please contact: Immunization.program@ventura.org

This bulletin is intended to improve the public health in our county by keeping physicians and nurses informed of noteworthy diagnoses, disease trends, and other events of medical interest. Another goal of a public health department is to educate. We hope that you will use this information to increase your awareness. Please allow us to continue in our role of speaking to the press so that we may maximize the educational message to the benefit of all citizens of Ventura County.