

Communicable Disease Branch Program Alert

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TO: Communicable Disease Nurses

On April 15, 2011 Hepatitis B surveillance became the responsibility of the Communicable Disease Branch, while case management of hepatitis B events associated with pregnant women, their infants, and contacts remained with the Immunization Branch. As a result, a modification was made in NC EDSS which changes the way hepatitis B events are assigned in the Investigation Trail. The changes are minimal and will affect you as a CD nurse only slightly. Please remember to do the following, effective July 25, 2011:

- Assign all hepatitis B events to the State Disease Registrar once you have completed your case investigation.
- Assign all Perinatally-Acquired events to State Perinatal Hepatitis B Case Management.
- If an event has been re-assigned to you by the State Disease Registrar, please provide the requested information, and return the event to the State Disease Registrar.
- If an event has been re-assigned to you by State Perinatal Hepatitis B Case Management, please provide the requested information, and return the event to State Perinatal Hepatitis B Case management.
- NEVER merge hepatitis B events (this is also known as deduplication)...please don't do it.

In the near future, you will receive additional guidance - all with the intent to improve surveillance and reduce frustration for you. Thank you in advance for your patience!

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