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TO: Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Providers

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SUBJECT: HPV and MCV4 Vaccine availability for Adult Safety Net (ASN) Providers

This memo is intended for Texas Adult Safety Net (ASN) Providers serving the immunization needs of the uninsured adults in Texas. This includes Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Health Service Regions (HSR), Local Health Departments (LHD), Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), HIV and STD Clinics, Family Planning Clinics and Substance Abuse Clinics (Opioid Replacement Clinics) only; please do not disseminate to other providers.

Vaccine Expansion

Effective July 19, 2013, a limited amount of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine and Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) doses are available for order through the ASN program. This vaccine will only be available to enrolled ASN providers and can only be administered to uninsured adults (based on the current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations).

Background

On January 1, 2012 the DSHS Immunization Branch revised the policy of the ASN Program to only include the following vaccines for the uninsured adult populations seeking services from an enrolled ASN clinic: Hepatitis B, Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR), Tetanus/Diphtheria/Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) and Tetanus/Diphtheria (Td). In addition to these vaccines, a limited amount of influenza and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV23) has been made available for DSHS HSRs.

The DSHS Immunization Branch has the discretion to add or remove vaccines from the ASN formulary based on changes in vaccine recommendations, availability of product, and budgets.

Eligibility and Screening Requirements

The Adult Eligibility Screening Record (attached) is required when administering any ASN vaccine to uninsured adults. All eligible patients receiving any ASN vaccine provided by the DSHS must complete this form and store this form for five years. These forms must be made available upon request during any DSHS or local health department site visit to ensure program accountability and client eligibility.

Administration Fee

Providers who are enrolled in the DSHS ASN Program receive these vaccines at no cost. Providers cannot bill an uninsured client for the cost of the vaccine. However, an ASN provider may charge an administration fee to the client for each dose that is administered. This charge cannot exceed a maximum of \$25.00 per dose per client. If a client is unable to pay for the administration fee of the vaccine, the provider cannot deny the vaccine to the uninsured client.

If you have questions, please contact your DSHS Health Service Region or TVFC Regional Consultant. The Regional Consultant contact information is included below.

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Attachment:
Adult Eligibility Screening Record