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**TO:** Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Providers

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**SUBJECT:** TVFC: MENHIBRIX® Implementation

The purpose of this memo is to inform providers about the availability of MENHIBRIX® for high risk infants through the TVFC program.

MENHIBRIX®, manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), is indicated for active immunization to prevent invasive disease caused by *Neisseria meningitides* serogroups C and Y and *Haemophilus influenzae* type b. MENHIBRIX® is approved for use in children 6 weeks of age through 18 months of age.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has recommended vaccination against meningococcal serogroups C and Y for children aged 6 weeks to 18 months who are at increased risk for meningococcal disease. These include infants with recognized persistent complement pathway deficiencies and infants with anatomic or functional asplenia including sickle cell disease. More details about children at increased risk for meningococcal disease can be found at:  
[http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6203a3.htm?s\\_cid=mm6203a3\\_w](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6203a3.htm?s_cid=mm6203a3_w)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has allocated a limited amount of vaccine for high risk infants in Texas. TVFC providers can order MENHIBRIX®, in single dose increments, for high risk patients beginning December 9, 2013.

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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